

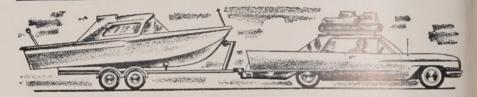
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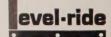
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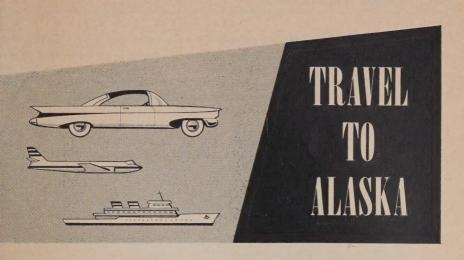
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TATEHOOD for Alaska became a reality in 1959, climaxing a contest for this status which began as early as 1916. The act of Congress establishing a 49th state not only accomplished the dream of a great many Alaskans, it focused the attention of travel-minded people on a relatively unexploited area of tourism. America's modern frontier offers the tourist awesome, often rugged beauty in a wide variety of scenery which includes snow-capped mountains, glaciers, ice-bound coast and agriculturally productive valleys; a fascinating history of Russian occupation and rich gold strikes and unusual customs inspired by Indians, Eskimos and "sourdoughs." The area abounds in unexcelled hunting and fishing opportunities for the sportsman.

For Those Who Are Driving

AN INCREASING number of visitors are expected in the new state. Although for many a trip to Alaska will mean travel by air or steamship (see page 10), this book is especially for those visitors who will drive to this vast new state on the Alaska Highway. This is not a trip for those who demand luxurious accommodations, exotic cuisine and four-lane, super highways. For most, these features are more than compensated for by the rewarding adventure in northland scenery that unfolds constantly along the highway.

The trip to Alaska, covering approximately 2,350 miles between the United States border and Fairbanks, requires a minimum of 8 days from Great Falls, Mont., or Seattle, Wash., to Fairbanks under normal road conditions. An estimated expense for two adults making a one-way, 8-day trip from the United States border to Fairbanks is \$235. This allows \$75 for lodgings, \$80 for meals and \$80 for gas and oil. It does not allow for emergencies or delays. The motorist's money will buy only what is available—extremely modest accommodations and plain food. Because of the great distances food and other items must be transported, prices are higher. Several of the major points of interest within Alaska are reached only by air, creating additional expenses if it is desired to visit these areas.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE DRIVING (Continued)

Camping is popular along the highway and a number of public campgrounds have been established in the Yukon Territory and Alaska for the convenience of tourists with their own equipment, food and supplies. Many unmarked, natural campsites may be found along the highway. Some commercial establishments also operate camping areas.

Although the highway is kept open all year, the preferred travel season is from June through September. During this period temperatures range from 35 to 85 degrees, with warm days and cool evenings. Although casual sports clothes are usually worn enroute along the highway, light or medium weight street clothing is recommended for all cities. With modern fabrics, which may be washed and require little or no ironing, it is necessary to take fewer changes of clothing. In winter, heavy woolen clothing such as is worn in northern border states is necessary.

In summer clothes should be protected from dust. A plastic garment bag with a tight closure is most effective. Another essential item for summer travel is an insect repellent. Mosquitoes are often very annoying, particularly from June to mid-July. Insects are even more numerous should the motorist leave the road to explore into the brush.

Cameras and a sufficient supply of film to capture the magnificent scenery all along the route should not be forgotten. As the motorist approaches the Alaska Highway film becomes more expensive. A first aid kit and sun glasses are also helpful. Tourists may also wish to take cigarettes with them as American brands, when available, are somewhat more expensive in Canada.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE ALASKA HIGHWAY

Although paved in Alaska and for 80 miles from Mile 0 at Dawson Creek, most of the Alaska Highway is a two-lane road with a gravel base and a clay surface which stretches through sparsely settled regions. The combination of these factors creates certain conditions seldom encountered elsewhere in the United States and Canada.

Except in larger communities such as Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Fort Nelson, Watson Lake, Whitehorse, Tok and Fairbanks, accommodations and service facilities are isolated. The basic facility on the highway is the lodge. Generally, connected with these modest accommodations are a cafe, gasoline service and, in many cases, repair services. These facilities are usually between 20 and 30 miles apart. The longest span without service facilities of this sort is about 65 miles, so the driver is never more than 33 miles from gas.

In summer, dry weather makes unpaved sections of the highway very dusty and flying gravel and mosquitoes add to the problem. A more complete description of Alaska Highway conditions and a more detailed account of the type of accommodations on the highway are found in the section of this book beginning on page 14.

CAR EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE

As for any trip of comparable length, automobiles should be in the best possible condition and all ordinary precautions should be taken. In addition to gas and oil, most service facilities make tire repairs and many sell tires and small parts. However, should a major part be needed, the garage may have to telephone one of the larger communities where those parts most

often needed are stocked. The part would then have to be sent by truck or bus, causing delay, or be flown in, at greater expense. Mechanics in many of the highway garages, because of the difficulty in securing replacement parts, have become ingenious at repairing old parts, and are often able to fix the damaged part well enough to enable the car to be driven to a larger settlement.

Standard Oil and Chevron credit cards are the only credit cards usable the entire length of the highway. Gulf cards are accepted by B/A, a Canadian affiliate found as far north as the Yukon-Alaska border. Texaco cards are good only for the first 528 miles of the highway. Gasoline prices vary with a noted increase as the center of the highway is approached. The highest price is about 68¢ per gallon, the lowest, 50¢. It must be remembered, however, that the imperial measure used in Canada is one-fifth larger than the corresponding United States measure. It is advisable to keep the tank at least a quarter full at all times.

Conventional tires, even the tubeless variety, are in general use on the nighway. Tire repairs are available at reasonable intervals and most stations sell new, conventional-sized tires at standard prices. Unless a less common size is needed, only one spare should be needed. However, most residents of the area carry two spares. Unusually heavy cars or cars heavily laden with passengers and luggage should be equipped with six-ply tires. A spare nner tube will often facilitate repair work on tubeless tires. Residents of the area usually install tubes in tubeless tires because the gravel on the roads tends to dent the rims causing loss of air. It is also wise to reinforce the apprings in the rear of cars which will carry extra heavy loads.

SUMMER DRIVING requires few special or unusual precautions. In the summertime, the motorist is advised to cover the gasoline tank with a piece of rubber matting as a protection against flying gravel. Clear, hard plastic guards, which can be purchased at any well-equipped garage in the area, will nelp protect headlights from rock breakage. Cardboard or plywood coverings should not be used since lights are often needed in dusty sections.

During dry weather, dust is quite heavy and rubber plugs should be fitted into brake drum openings to protect brake linings and shoes from abrasive dust wear. Windshield washers will help fight the dust.

It is almost impossible to prevent windshields from being chipped by flying gravel thrown up by other vehicles. Motorists should carry insurance which will cover this eventuality. Bug screens reduce the number of stones striking the windshield, keep out insects and protect the paint finish.

FOR WINTER DRIVING it is very important that automobiles be prepared

for extreme cold weather operation. Freezing nights which are encountered in interior Alaska and the Canadian areas usually begin in September; snow and severe cold may be expected before the end of October. Vehicles must carry tire chains or be equipped with snow tires. Failure to use them when the road is posted for chains constitutes a traffic violation.

Those not experienced in subarctic winters should limit travel to temperatures above -20° F. Besides very heavy winter garb, the wise winter traveler should carry



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FOR THOSE WHO ARE DRIVING (Continued)

a down-filled, Arctic sleeping bag which gives good protection until help comes in case of breakdown, stall or accident. For the same reasons, it is advisable to carry a small amount of canned foods; however, Canadian Customs prohibits the duty-free entry of more than 2 days' supply of food per person. A means of starting a fire is essential in winter in case motor failure prevents heater operation. Extremely low temperatures will cause frostbite quickly unless a fire and warm clothing are immediately at hand.

Vehicles should be in good operating condition. They should be supplied with anti-freeze, shovel, tire chains, headbolt engine heaters to prevent freezing at night, defroster and radiator grill covers. Winterizing with special winter lubricants and oils is necessary. A fuel additive to prevent frost and ice in the fuel system is advised. Filling the gas tank at night will prevent condensation of moisture in the tank and possible freezing of the fuel pump and line.

The months of October, November and March are least desirable for travel due to icy roads. In April and May spring thaws usually create poor highway conditions. The highway is generally in good condition during December, January and February. Because the hardpacked snow provides smooth driving, many of the people accustomed to extreme cold-weather conditions prefer to travel during these months.

ENTERING CANADA

PASSPORTS are not required of United States citizens passing through Canada to Alaska, but they should have in their possession such personal papers as will establish their citizenship. Naturalized citizens should carry naturalization papers and U. S. resident aliens must have Alien Registration Receipt card. Motorists must fulfill the usual customs requirements.

MOTORISTS entering Canada from the United States or Alaska are required by Canadian Customs to have sufficient funds available for the completion of the journey, as well as for any emergencies. Specifically, Canadian Customs Officers request that travelers carry a minimum of \$250 for each vehicle and driver, plus \$100 for each additional passenger for a one way trip. Because of the limited banking facilities available along the highway, the total amount must be in cash or in travelers checks, most of which should be of small denomination.

Travellers' Vehicle Permits, issued at border crossing points, and Vehicle Registration Cards are necessary for Canadian travel.

Foreign exchange rates are such that the tourist should estimate the amount of money he will need for his stay in Canada and exchange, at a Canadian bank, U. S. funds for Canadian currency.

PROOF OF OWNERSHIP must be carried by the owner of each vehicle. Drivers of vehicles not their own must have written permission from the owner for use of the vehicle on the proposed trip as well as the car registration card.

For travel in Alberta or British Columbia, motorists should obtain from their insurance agents insurance cards (popularly termed "Pink Cards") showing proof of liability coverage. For travel in the Yukon Territory, motorists should carry their automobile liability insurance policy or other evidence of financial responsibility. Authorities in Alberta, British Columbia and Yukon Territory will impound vehicles involved in accidents if the motorist is unable to produce evidence of financial responsibility as specified above.

TRAILERS AND CABIN TRAILERS are permitted unless it is felt by the Customs officer at the port of entry that the vehicle used for tractive purposes is not equal to the task. House trailers of 16 to 30 feet long can be pulled by any standard automobile not lighter than the Ford-Chevrolet-Plymouth class. It is recommended that any trailer more than 30 feet long should be towed by a vehicle with a tonnage rating of at least three-quarters or higher. Trailers weighing over half a ton must be equipped with brakes. If motor vehicle-trailer combination is more than 60 feet long, 8 feet wide or 14 feet high, permits for Alaska Highway travel must be secured from Head-quarters, Northwest Highway System, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory or from the Garrison Commander, Dawson Creek, British Columbia. Any questions on sufficient tractive power should be directed to the above addresses.

Household effects, tools of trade or any items or merchandise not ordinarily classifiable as normal baggage carried in passenger vehicles driven by the owners or in small personally-owned trailers, may be entered on a Tourist Permit. The Customs Officer may wish to know contents of trailer coaches. Visitors should prepare a general list of contents in triplicate.

DUTY FREE articles that may be brought into Canada are: personal belongings, sporting goods (up to 50 rounds of ammunition), up to 50 cigars, 200 cigarettes, 2 pounds of tobacco, 40 ounces of alcohol, cameras (up to six rolls of film per person) and a 300-mile supply of gasoline and oil. All articles above allowable quantities are subject to confiscation.

REVOLVERS, pistols or other prohibited weapons, if the personal property of persons traveling by highway to and from Alaska through Canada, may be entered without special firearm import permit under the following regulations: Such firearms must be placed in a separate container and sealed by Canadian Customs; the Customs Officer will remove the seal at the port of exit. If there is indication that it has been tampered with, the firearm will be seized.

Rifles, shotguns and fishing tackle may be entered without special permit. The visitor must provide Customs with a description of such equipment and serial numbers of guns. Such permission does not give the right to hunt, target shoot or fish. For regulations governing fishing and hunting, non-residents should contact the Game Department of the province or territory they expect to visit. Nonresident fishing licenses are \$7 in British Columbia and \$2 in the Yukon Territory and may be obtained from local game and police authorities. The following provincial regulations must be observed when rifles and shotguns are carried in transit or during closed seasons on game. In the Yukon Territory rifles and shotguns must be broken down or encased and remain stowed in the car at all times; no person shall have in or on a vehicle any firearm in which there is a live bullet or cartridge in either the magazine or firing chamber. Alberta requires they be stowed in the car.

DOGS must be accompanied by a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian declaring that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies within the past 12 months; such certificate shall carry a reasonably complete description of the dog and date of vaccination.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME is observed in British Columbia from the last Sunday in April through the last Friday in October. Standard time is observed throughout the year in Alberta and the Yukon Territory.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS apply in some instances. It is recommended that in preparing for a trip over the Alaska Highway the motorist check with the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, Ottawa, Ont.

Air and Water Travel to Alaska

FOR THOSE who, for various reasons, do not wish to drive the Alaska Highway, air and water travel are available. Air service is established between Seattle and Ketchikan, Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks and Nome, with connections to nearly every community in the state. Air travelers may also depart from Canadian points via Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, or fly direct from Minneapolis, Minn., to Anchorage.

The major portion of travel by water is available as a part of conducted tours and cruises. The cruise season extends from late May or early June until early September. Three passenger steamship lines operate between Vancouver, B. C., and southeastern Alaska ports. One-way passage is rarely sold. Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Steamships both transport some automobiles for passengers between Vancouver, Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway. Alaska ports visited have no direct connection to a major highway system. Car and passenger ferry operates between Juneau and Haines, mid-May to mid-November, providing access to the Alaska Highway via the Haines Highway. Cars are transported on the White Pass and Yukon Railway between Whitehorse and Skagway and shipped via scheduled freighter service between Skagway and Vancouver. Concurrent travel on one of the other lines is sometimes available for passengers. The Aleutian Mail Boat, M/V Expansion, has started service from Seattle to Seward and the Aleutian Islands. The boat carries 16 passengers and can carry a limited number of cars. Contact Capt. N. P. Thomsen, P.O. Box 537, Seward, for further information.

Cars may be shipped from Seattle, Wash., to many Alaskan ports via the freighter service of the Alaska Steamship Co. Alaska Northern Express, Inc., and the Coastwise Line offer weekly barge service between Seattle and Anchorage. For those desiring to ship their car by rail, the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Alaska Railroad operate a joint rail-barge service from Prince Rupert, B.C., to Seward. These companies carry no passengers. Travelers should request specific information from all lines concerning rates.

For the traveler in Alaska without an automobile, bus, train and air travel is readily available. Regular bus service is maintained on the main routes and bus tours are available during the summer season. The Alaska Railroad offers year-round freight and passenger service between the cities of Fairbanks and Anchorage and summer service for passengers between Seward and Whittier and to McKinley Park (freight service all year). Air travel is widely used in Alaska.



Cruise ships ply the "inside passage" from Vancouver to Alaska.

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Approach Routes To the Alaska Highway

SEE MAP OF APPROACH ROUTES, PAGES 12 AND 13

THE AAA member's trip to Alaska will be tailored to his individual needs and specifications by a competent travel counselor in his local motor club. AAA travel counselors will provide maps and information about the best route from the member's home town. In this section of the book, a few of the more common approaches to Dawson Creek and Mile 0 of the Alaska Highway are described.

SEATTLE, WASH .- CACHE CREEK, B. C.

From Seattle to Cache Creek the approach route follows the Fraser Canyon Highway via U.S. 99 in Washington and Highway 1 in British Columbia. The route traverses a prosperous farming area to Hope, north of which it passes through the Fraser River Canyon near the top of the mile-high cliffs rising from the river's banks.

North of Spuzzum, the Fraser River swings in a long curve between jagged rock walls which turn the rushing current back upon itself in a jumble of foaming crisscrosses and boiling whirlpools.

There are special restrictions for the use of trailers on Highway 1 between Hope and Lytton. Car and trailer combinations must not exceed 40 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 12½ feet in height. This section may be bypassed by taking Highway 3 from Hope to Princeton, Highway 5 from Princeton to Merritt and Highway 8 to Spences Bridge on Highway 1.

North of Lytton, the road emerges from the Fraser Canyon to follow the Thompson River through very scenic country.

WENATCHEE, WASH.—CACHE CREEK, B. C.

This approach, designated U.S. 97 in Washington and Highway 97 in British Columbia, stretches northward through scenic mountainous country studded with beautiful lakes. North of Penticton, the road skirts Okanagan Lake, crossing it via toll bridge (50c).

Although Highway 97 provides the most direct route to the Alaska Highway, travelers with ample time may wish to take Highway 97A to Highway 1, traveling northeast through several of Canada's most beautiful and scenic parks. Tourists following this route, which includes the spec-

tacular new Rogers Pass section between Revelstoke and Golden (scheduled for completion in late 1962), may pick up another approach northeast of Jasper.

CACHE CREEK, B. C.—DAWSON CREEK, B. C.

Highway 97 is a good, paved road from Cache Creek to Prince George where the Hart Highway to the city of Dawson Creek begins.

Traversing scenic mountainous areas, the Hart Highway is open all year. However, in winter motorists should be prepared for snow and icy conditions. Pine Pass, elevation 3,060 feet, is the highest point reached along the Hart Highway. Almost half of the highway is gravel surfaced, necessitating particularly careful driving on curves where the gravel is not always packed.

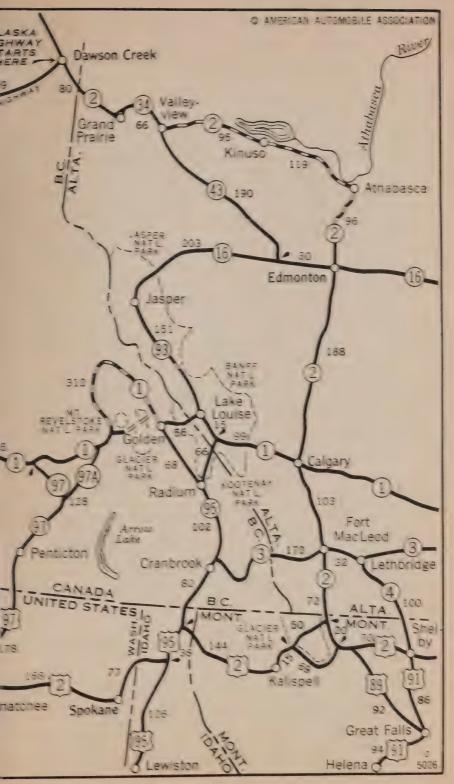
CALGARY, ALTA.—DAWSON CREEK, B. C.

Several major routes offer access to Calgary from the mountains, hilly farmlands and prairies of Idaho, Montana, British Columbia and Alberta. For the most part these are paved two-lane roads, many offering the leisurely traveler easy access to several beautiful national parks in Canada and the United States.

Between Calgary and Edmonton, the shorter route (Highway 2) travels about 185 miles through rolling farmlands and forests. The longer route, 468 miles via Highways 1, 93 and 16, allows travelers to visit Banff and Jasper National Parks, both considered outstanding for scenery and recreational facilities.

The two routes join about 30 miles west of Edmonton at Highway 43, the major eastern approach to Dawson Creek. The approach route is designated Highway 2 and 34 between Valleyview, Alberta and Dawson Creek, B. C.





The Alaska Highway

SEE MAPS OF ALASKA HIGHWAY, PAGES 16, 17, 30, 31 AND 32

SLASHING across a great wilderness of forests, muskeg, mountains and waterways, the Alaska Highway was rushed to swift completion during the Japanese occupation of the Aleutian Islands. A vanguard force of United States Army Engineers began buildozing from north and south on March 9, 1942. They met at Contact Creek, Milepost 588, on September 13, 1942. Some two months later a small group officially opened a pilot road passable to Army jeeps and trucks. The following year a permanent all-weather road existed between Dawson Creek, British Columbia and Fairbanks. Alaska.

An epic of highway engineering, the Alcan Military Highway, as it was originally called, was built to connect airfields and other installations for supply purposes. The United States Army and the Public Roads Administration charted the route through country virtually unknown.

Construction camps along the way housed a maximum of about 14,000 men, together with a corps of doctors and nurses of the United States Public Health Service. Over a hundred rivers and streams were bridged.

Since April 1, 1946, when the Canadian portion of the road was turned over to Canada, the Alaska Highway has been regraded and widened until it ranks as one of the finest gravel highways anywhere. The highway was opened to unrestricted travel in 1947.

The highway cuts mainly through unsettled areas formerly inaccessible except by dig sled, by plane or by river routes in summer. Most of the country between the infrequent small settlements is wilderness, the settlements themselves often consisting of only a roadhouse or trading post. The log legioning on page 18 lim all rowns, settlements, recommended accommodations and revisces as a lable on the highway.

ACCOMMODATIONS along the Alaska Highway are not only few in number, but also very modest, particularly in the less populated areas. The basic facility along the highway is the lodge, usually run in connection with a cale and vertice station. Although there is a trend toward modernization, the majority of estati imments that do not offer accustomed luxuries such as radion and private name. Estatishments listed in detail by AAA have been impected and found to be clean, although many have small rooms with a minimum of furniture. Electricity and water may be turned off any time between 11 pm. and 7 am. in places generating their can power. Most lodges are frame or log with fineroward walls and several have an open transom for heating purposes.

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Although no purify campgrounds have been established on the British Columbia section of the Alaska Highway, some private enterprises offer camping facilities.

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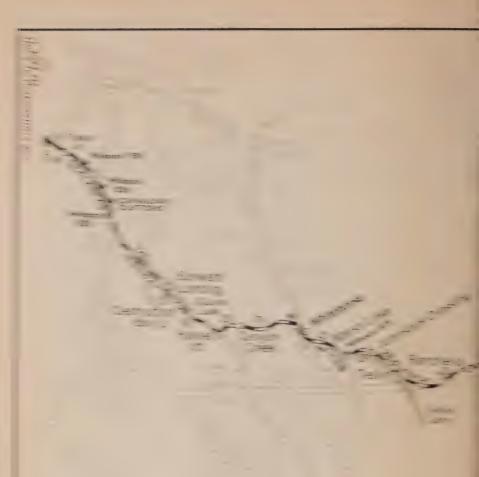
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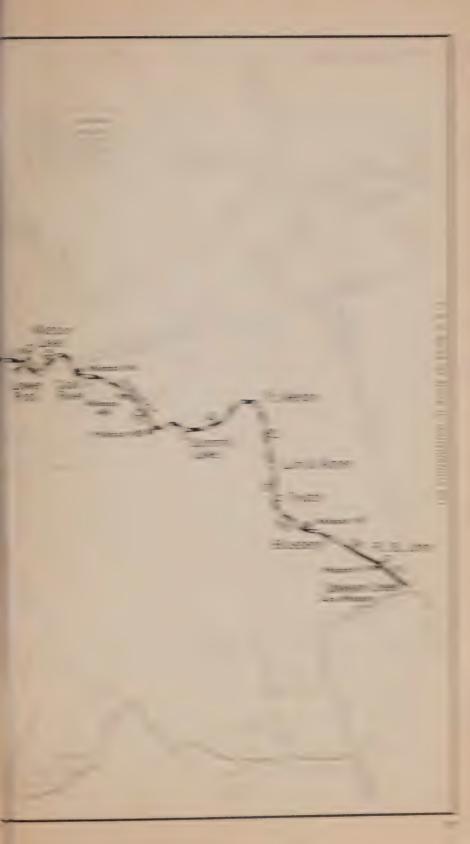
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piest. Beyond Fort Nelson the road traverses a section of the Musicus River area and enters the Canadian Rockies.

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MILE 351, STEAMBOAT MOUNTAIN, B.C.

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Marsh Lake Lodge, 16 units, 4 with baths. Single \$6, double \$8 to \$9. An inviting, rustic lodge, off the highway, overlooking a lake. Well-maintained lodge rooms; also 4 housekeeping cottages with shower or tub baths, \$10 to \$15. Cafe, cocktail lounge. Guided hunting and fishing trips; rental boats and motors. Heated garage for 6 cars; car plugs. Open late Apr. to mid-Oct. Phone Whitehorse, Marsh Lake Lodge.

MILE 900

Gasoline, cafe.

MILE 904.5

A loop road runs southeast from this point to Carcross, Y.T. (32 miles) and rejoins the Alaska Highway at Mile 866 (33 miles from Carcross).

MILE 907

Wolf Creek picnic site and campground.

MILE 910

Gasoline, minor repairs, cafe, accommodations and telephone are available.

MILE 911.8

A side road leads north to scenic Miles Canyon of the Yukon River.

MILE 917.4

WHITEHORSE, Y.T. (pop. 4,800, alt. 2,297 ft.)

At this point on the highway there is a traffic circle where a 2-mile side road branches off to Whitehorse.

The storybook Yukon still lingers in this picturesque city which lies on a wide bend of the Yukon River. Whitehorse came into being with the Klondike gold rush. Thousands of prospectors came by boat to Skagway; they climbed the mountain passes to the beginning of a natural waterway where they constructed rude rafts, canoes and rough plank boats for the over 500-mile trip to Dawson via Whitehorse. Above Whitehorse, the prospectors faced the dangerous rapids of Miles Canyon where many were lost. Later a tramway was built to portage this difficult section; horses drew open basket-type cars over log rails along the bluff over the river. Sternwheeler steamer service was inaugurated to Dawson; this trip, with the current, took 1½ or 2 days to Dawson and 5 days back. The first rails of the White Pass and Yukon Railway were laid at Skagway in May 1898; the line was open for through traffic from Skagway to Whitehorse in July 1900.

Center of the excitement caused by one of the world's most fabulous gold strikes was Dawson, about 350 miles northwest. On August 17, 1896, George W. Carmack and two Indian companions, "Skookum" Jim and "Dawson" Charlie, made the first strike on Bonanza Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River. Five months later the news reached Circle City. The first boats arriving in the area

in May 1897, knew nothing of the strike. That summer, miners from Dawson arriving in Portland and San Francisco with a total of nearly \$2 million carried word to the United States, then in the midst of a depression. The news ended the depression and by the next spring, approximately 60,000 men had passed through Seattle on their way to the fabled Klondike.

By the spring of 1899, all the creeks of the area were staked. Hillside and bench claims were made, some yielding rich White Channel gravels. Between 1896 and 1904, Klondike creeks yielded over \$100,000,000 in gold. During the winter of 1899, news of the gold discovery on Anvil Creek at Nome, Alaska, reached Dawson and within a week 8,000 miners had left for this newer strike.

The Dawson settlement sprang up at the confluence of the Yukon and Klondike Rivers. By the end of the summer of 1898, the city boasted 2 hospitals, 3 churches, schools, banks, theaters and scores of saloons and dancehalls; Dawson claimed a population of over 25,000 Rex Beach, Robert W. Service and others wrote from their experiences here at the peak of the gold rush.

After the gold rush, mining properties were consolidated under corporate owner ship and power machinery was introduced, placing the industry on a more stable basis. Today, with giant dredge doing the work of many men, this is stil a major gold-mining area whose creek

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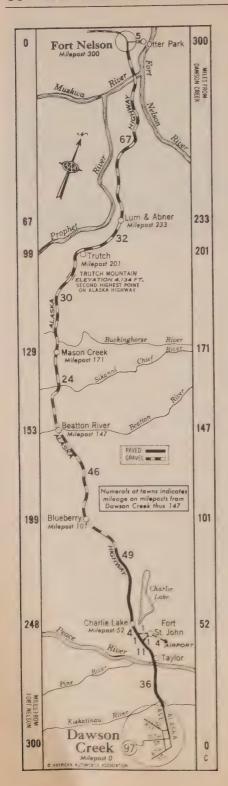


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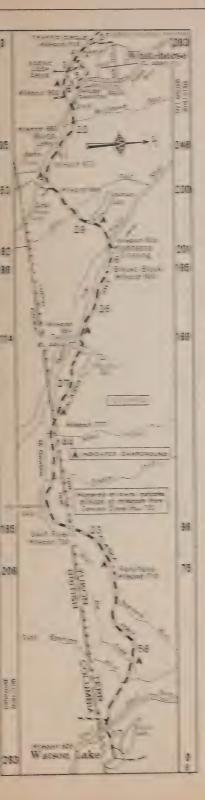
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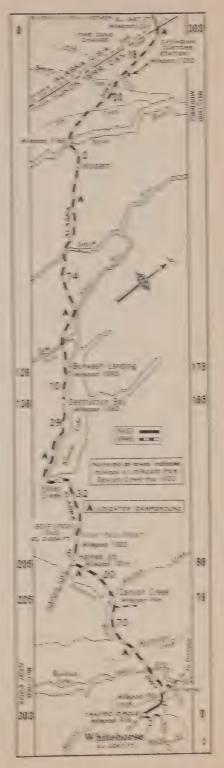
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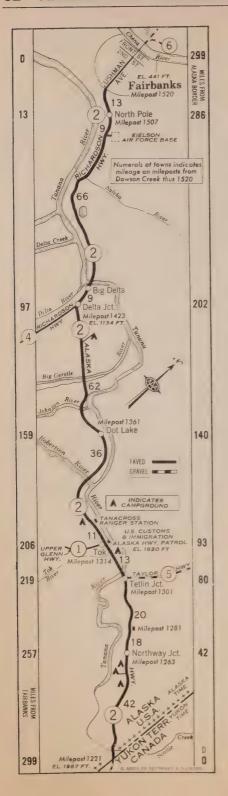
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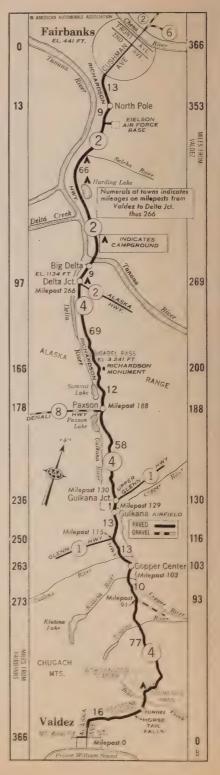




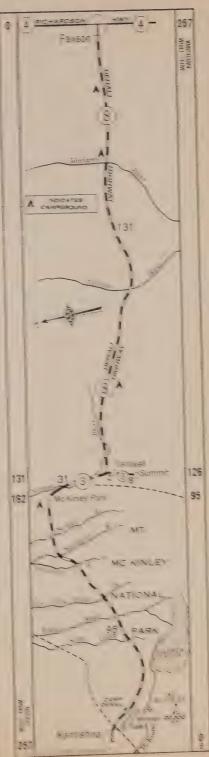












Logs of Other Principal Routes

ANCHORAGE-SEWARD HIGHWAY

This paved road offers many unusual views. Among the Chugach Mountains, near Portage, are five glaciers grouped together. Portage Glacier is accessible from a side road off the highway. As the road approaches Anchorage, it winds along the shore of Turnagain Arm, a branch of Cook Inlet that has the second highest tides in the world, rising over 37 feet. Mount Susitna, whose name is derived from the native word meaning "sleeping lady," faces the inlet. For recommended accommodations, see listings for Anchorage, page 49, and Seward, page 62.

Mile O, Seward, Alaska

Gasoline, general repairs, cafes, accommodations, stores, post office, telegraph and telephone. For description, see page 61.

Mile 2.5

Accommodations.

Mile 11.5

A trail here leads to a ski area in the Chugach National Forest.

Mile 18

Public campground.

Mile 23, Lawing, Alaska

Public campground.

Mile 25

Accommodations.

Mile 30, Moose Pass, Alaska

Gasoline, minor repairs, cafes, accommodations, store.

Mile 38

Junction with Sterling Highway (see page 41).

Mile 39.5

Johns Creek public campground.

Mile 45.5

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations.

Mile 56.5

A 17-mile side road leads north to Hope.

Mile 6

Silvertip Creek public campground.

Mile 74

Ingram Creek public campground.

Mile 79

Portage Glacier National Recreation Are 5½ miles east via side road, is und development by the U.S. Forest Servi in Chugach National Forest. A fine via across Iceberg Lake to Portage Glacier available from the parking area. Facilitinclude picnic tables, a day lodge with cafe and 4 campsites with fireplaces. The area is open May 1 to Oct. 1.

Portage Glacier Lodge, at Iceberg Lake the recreation area. (P.O. Box 4641, Spe ard.) 8 rooms. Single \$7.50, double \$1 Restaurant. Open May 1 to Oct. 1. Pho FH 2-2718.

Mile 80, Portage, Alaska

Gasoline, cafe.

Mile 91, Girdwood, Alaska

Gasoline, cafe, store. A 3½-mile si road leads east to the Mount Alyes Ski Bowl.

Mile 118

Cafe.

Mile 125.5

Bypass route around Anchorage to Gleaninghway.

Mile 128, Anchorage, Alaska

Gasoline, general repairs, cafes, accomm dations, stores, post office, telephone at telegraph. For description, see page 49.

DENALI HIGHWAY (NO. 8)

Opened to traffic in August 1957, to Denali Highway (see maps, pages 33 a 37) is a gravel road extending 156 mi from Paxson, at Mile 185.5 of the Richardson Highway, to the entrance of Mou McKinley National Park where it joins to gravel park road. The Denali Highway open from June to October.

Leaving Paxson the highway ascensteadily to the Tangle Lakes region. From there it winds across a high plateau to the Susitna River. West of the river the robegins its descent through the Monah flats, named for an early prospector, in the Nenana River valley. At Cantwell the Toute turns north through a narrow moutain gap, paralleling the Nenana River.

Mountains, glaciers, lakes and rushi waterways all contribute to the wild, in pressive scenery along this route. As y e are few accommodations and service one on the tighway. Moronisis are sed to fill near gas ranks hefure ear-Parson or McKinler Park. For recommed accommodations, see stings for any McKinler, National Pork, page 53, Passon, page 51.

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cKinley Park Station, Alaska

the Denali Highway ends here, where gasone, minor repairs, cafe, accommodations, one, post office, public campground, telescone and telegraph are available. From is point, a 90-mile-long road extends rough Mount McKney Namedal Pakes page 18 to accommodate to Kannon, an austrig 3 to most terror of Kannon, an austrig 3 to most terror.

The road through the park is hard-surfaced for 11 miles and then becomes gravel for the remainder of the distance. A narrow, two-lane road, it requires slow, cautious driving in several sections. There are no service facilities be the M.K.n.e. Park Station.

EDGERTON HIGHWAY

Branching southeast from Mile 91 of the Richardson Highway (see page 39), this road continues 39 miles to the ghost town of Phone, once a super content is gravel surfaced and beyond Mile 26 becomes marrow, rough and winding. The highway has made authous driving.

Mile 25.5

Gascime, cute, store.

Mile 36

Here, at the bottom of a U-simped canyou, the road follows the shoreline of the three connected Cheman Lakes.

Mile 39, Chitina, Alaska

Gusoline (regular only), accommodations, some post office.

ELLIOTT HIGHWAY

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GLENN HIGHWAY

This well-traveled, paved highway extends 329 miles from Anchorage to Tok on the Alaska Highway.

Just beyond Anchorage, the traveiers passes Fort Richardson military reservations, headquarters of the Army in Alaska, and Merrill Field, the municipal airport. Between Palmer and Anchorage the road passes the Ekhuma hydroelectric power project which serves the Greater Anchorage and Mantanuska Valley communicies. A weil-maintained gravel road leads to Lake Ekhuma, the reservoir formed by this paper. The expectable is available. Nearby are the Ekhuma Indian graves, interesting for the boulike houses over them.

GLENN HIGHWAY (Continued)

Between the Matanuska River Valley and Glennallen, there are excellent views of Matanuska and Tazlina Glaciers and the highway traverses very scenic mountain country. The largely undeveloped region around Gulkana and Glennallen offers excellent fishing, and grizzly and black bear, moose, mountain goat, Dall sheep, muskrat and beaver are plentiful.

For recommended accommodations, see listings for Anchorage (page 49), Gakona (page 53) and Palmer (page 60).

Mile O, Anchorage, Alaska

Gasoline, general repairs, cafes, accommodations, stores, post office, telephone and telegraph. Many service facilities are available along the highway to Mile 20. For description of Anchorage, see page 49.

Mile 22

Gasoline.

Mile 23

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations and store are located here.

Mile 34.5

Gasoline.

Mile 35

Gasoline.

Mile 48, Palmer, Alaska

Gasoline, general repairs, cafes, accommodations, stores, telephone and telegraph. For description of Palmer, see page 60.

Mile 61, Sutton, Alaska

Gasoline, minor repairs, cafes, accommodations, stores, post office.

Mile 76.7

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations.

Mile 97

Gasoline (high octane only), cafe, accommodations.

Gasoline (regular only), cafe, accommodations.

Mile 113.5

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations.

Mile 123

Gasoline.

Mile 128

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations.

Mile 149

Gasoline, general repairs.

Mile 153

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations.

Mile 156

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations.

Mile 159.5

A 17-mile side road leads to Lake Louis and a public campground.

Mile 161.7

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations.

Mile 164

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations.

Mile 166

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations.

Mile 172.5

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations.

Mile 182.5

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations.

Mile 183.5

Gasoline, cafes, accommodations, store.

Mile 187, Glennallen, Alaska

Gasoline, general repairs, cafes, accon modations, stores, post office, telephon and telegraph.

Mile 189

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations. At th point the Glenn Highway meets the Richardson Highway (see page 39) Mile 115\ and the two highways run cor currently for the next 14 miles.

Mile 203, Gulkana Junction, Alask

Gasoline, minor repairs, cafe, accommo dations. From this point, the Richardso Highway continues north to Fairbanks an the Upper Glenn Highway, locally calle the Tok Cutoff, proceeds 125 miles north east to Tok on the Alaska Highway (se page 28). The Upper Glenn Highwa (see page 42) is a continuation of th Glenn Highway, but is treated as a sepa rate highway because the mileposts agai start with 0 at this point.

HAINES HIGHWAY (NO. 9)

Beginning at Mile 0 on the ferry doc at Haines-Port Chilkoot, this highway ex tends 159 miles north to Haines Junction Yukon Territory, Mile 1016 on the Alask Highway (see map, page 16). During th summer months a ferry operates from Mile 0 to Skagway and Juneau. For info mation on this ferry, write the Dept. of Public Works, Div. of Marine Transporta tion, P.O. Box 1361, Juneau, Alaska.

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HAINES HIGHWAY (Continued)

The Alaska portion of this highway is paved and travels through a heavily wooded area. The United States Customs and Immigration Office is at Mile 1.

All tourists must stop at the Canadian Immigration and Customs Office, Mile 42. This office is open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Pacific Standard time. Motorists should arrange to arrive before closing, as cars can not proceed and there are no accommodations at this point.

Open only in the summer, the Canadian section of the highway has a gravel surface. The highway is relatively smooth as it follows the course of a winding river and traverses a beautiful mountain pass in British Columbia. In the Yukon Territory the road passes through a rugged, yet scenic, area.

For recommended accommodations, see Mile 125 below and the listing for Haines-Port Chilkoot (page 53).

Mile O, Haines, Alaska

Gasoline, general repairs, cafes, accommodations, stores, post office, telephone. For description, see page 53.

Mile 33

Gasoline, cafe.

Mile 37

Gasoline, accommodations, store.

Mile 42, Alaska-British Columbia Border

All travelers must stop at the Canadian Customs and Immigration Office here. From this point to the Alaska Highway, the road passes through an uninhabited region with only one service facility enroute.

Mile 125, Dezadeash, Y.T.

Gasoline (regular only), cafe, accommodations.

Dezadeash Lodge (P.O. Haines Junction, Mile 1016, Alaska Highway.) 15 rooms, 1 bath. Single \$5, double \$7. Neat lodge rooms with running water and central showers; also 2 cabins, 1 with bath. Cafe. Horses; guides; fishing; rental boats and motors are available. Trailer park. Open May 1 to Nov. 1.

Mile 159, Haines Junction, Y.T.

Haines Highway ends here at Mile 1016 of the Alaska Highway (see page 26).

MAYO-KLONDIKE-DAWSON HIGHWAYS

Branching northwest from Mile 925 of the Alaska Highway, the Mayo, Klondike and Dawson Highways form a 513-mile alternate loop route to Alaska. The Mayo and Klondike Highways to Dawson, Y.T., are generally good, two-lane gravel roads. At Dawson the Yukon River is crossed by ferry, which operates about June 1 to Oct. 1, 8 to noon and 1 to 1 daily.

Across the river, the Dawson Highway is a one-lane, lightly graveled road through mountainous terrain. It has some shelf sections with only a few turnouts, requiring exceptionally cautious driving. There is only one service facility on this highway, which joins the Taylor Highway (see page 42) in Alaska.

MAYO HIGHWAY

Mile 34.5

Fox Lake public campground.

Mile 72

Twin Lakes picnic area.

Mile 102, Carmacks, Y.T.

Gasoline (high octane only), minor repairs, cafe, accommodations, store. At Mile 100 a side road leads to the village of Carmacks, where services are also available.

Mile 104

Here the road circles the only operating coal mine in the Yukon Territory.

Mile 142.4

Gasoline, minor repairs, cafe and store are available here.

Mile 168, Pelly Crossing, Y.T.

Gasoline, minor repairs, cafe, accommodations, store.

Mile 213, Stewart Crossing, Y.T.

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations. Here the Mayo and Klondike Highways meet, the Mayo Highway extends north 33 miles to the silver and lead mining community of Mayo; the Klondike Highway travels northwest 117 miles to Dawson.

KLONDIKE HIGHWAY

The mileposts on the Klondike Highway run from west to east, in opposite sequence from either the Mayo or Dawson Highways. Thus, motorists taking this route from the south follow mileposts 0 to 213 on the Mayo Highway, Mile 117 to Mile 0 on the Klondike Highway and Mile 0 to Mile 79 on the Dawson Highway. Travelers from Alaska reverse this order.

Mile O, Dawson, Y.T.

Gasoline, general repairs, cafes, accommodations, stores, post office. For a descrip-

tion of Dawson's history and annual events, see Whitehorse (page 24).

Service Motel, at 7th and Hansen. 13 rooms, 13 with baths. Single \$10, double \$12. Small, well-kept rooms in a neat court; tub baths. Open May 1 to Sept. 30.

Mile 29

A side road leads north to the Fort McPherson oil fields.

Mile 30

Public campground.

Mile 61

Gasoline (high octane only), cafe.

Mile 88

Cafe.

Mile 117, Stewart Crossing, Y.T.

Junction with Mayo Highway.

AWSON HIGHWAY

Mile O, Dawson, Y.T.

Gasoline, general repairs, cafes, accommodations, stores.

Mile 65, Alaska-Yukon Territory Border

All travelers must stop at the Canadian Customs and Immigration Office, open 7 to 7 Yukon Standard Time.

Mile 69, Boundary, Alaska

Gasoline (regular only), cafe.

Mile 79

Dawson Highway ends at Taylor Highway (see page 42).

ICHARDSON HIGHWAY

Formerly a dog sled trail and then a wagon road, the Richardson Highway, connecting Fairbanks with the port of Valdez, is the oldest interior access road in Alaska. Paved its entire length, the highway is logged from Valdez, Mile 0.

Northwest of Valdez, this route passes through the spectacular Keystone Canyon, where scenic Bridal Veil and Horsetail Falls drop hundreds of feet from the crest of the canyon. The road climbs to the summit of Thompson Pass, offering a fine view of Worthington Glacier. Beautiful mountains dominate the scenery from the Tonsina River to Delta Junction.

Between Paxson and Black Rapids the road crosses Isabel Pass at an elevation of 3,241 feet and passes Summit and Paxson Lakes. During unusually severe winter weather, this mountainous section of highway must be closed, in which case

travelers must use the alternate route via the Upper Glenn (see page 42) and Alaska Highways.

From Delta Junction this route travels through the Tanana River Valley into Fairbanks.

For recommended accommodations, see listings for Copper Center (page 51), Fairbanks (page 51), Paxson (page 61) and Valdez (page 64).

Mile O, Valdez, Alaska

Gasoline, general repairs, cafes, accommodations, stores, post office, telephone and telegraph are available. For description, see page 64.

Mile 9

Silver Falls picnic grounds.

Mile 13.4

Horsetail Falls, a 300-foot, fantail waterfall.

Mile 13.8

Bridal Veil Falls, an equally high, cascadetype waterfall.

Mile 23

A side road leads to Blueberry Lake campground.

Mile 25

Here is Thompson Pass, at an elevation of 2,722 feet.

Mile 28.5

From this point, Worthington Glacier is accessible by a short side road.

Mile 34.5

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations.

Mile 51

Gasoline, cafe, telephone.

Mile 79

Gasoline, minor repairs, accommodations, store.

Mile 91

Junction, Edgerton Highway (see page 35).

Mile 101

Gasoline, cafes, accommodations, store, post office.

Mile 111

General store.

Mile 115, Glennallen Junction

Gasoline, minor repairs, cafe, accommodations. The Richardson Highway meets

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STERLING HIGHWAY (Continued)

Mile 134

Gasoline.

Mile 137, Ninilchik, Alaska

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations, store, public campground, post office, telephone.

Mile 153.7

Gasoline, minor repairs.

Mile 154

Public campground.

Mile 155.2

Gasoline, minor repairs.

Mile 158.5, Anchor Point, Alaska

Gasoline, general repairs, accommodations, stores, post office.

Mile 176, Homer, Alaska

Gasoline, general repairs, cafes, accommodations, stores, post office, telephone. For description see page 54.

Mile 180

Public campground.

Mile 182

Cafe and accommodations. Terminus of Sterling Highway.

TAYLOR HIGHWAY

From Tetlin Junction, Mile 1301 on the Alaska Highway (see pages 18 to 28). this gravel highway extends 158 miles north to Eagle. Only one service point exists between Tetlin Junction and Eagle. A side route from Dawson, Y.T., intersects the Taylor Highway at Mile 95.5. (See log of Mayo-Klondike-Dawson Highways, page 38.) The road to Dawson, closed in winter, is only one lane wide and winds through mountainous country, requiring very cautious driving. Travelers should check conditions with the Highway Department at Tok before driving to Dawson.

Mile O, Tetlin Junction, Alaska

Gasoline, minor repairs, cafe, accommodations, store, telephone.

Mile 49

Public campground.

Gasoline, minor repairs, cafe, accommodations, radiophone.

Mile 95.5

Junction, Dawson Highway. Dawson Highway turns southeast; the Taylor Highway turns northwest.

Mile 158, Eagle, Alaska

Gasoline, store.

TOK CUTOFF

See Upper Glenn Highway, below.

UPPER GLENN HIGHWAY

The Upper Glenn Highway, sometimes referred to as the Tok Cutoff, is a paved continuation of the Glenn Highway (see page 35). In this publication it is treated as a separate highway because mileposts again start with 0 at Gulkana Junction.

From Gulkana almost to Slana there are excellent views of the Wrangell Range. Among the glacier-clad peaks seen are Mt. Sanford, 16,208 feet, and Mt. Drum, 12.002 feet, to the southeast,

Beyond Slana, near Mentasta Lake, the road passes through the Alaska Range with the mountains on either side reflected in the waters of the lake.

For recommended accommodations, see listings for Gakona (page 53) and Tok (page 28 of the Alaska Highway Log).

Mile O, Gulkana Junction, Alaska

Gasoline, minor repairs, cafe, accommoda-

Mile 1, Gakona, Alaska

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations and store are available at Gakona.

Mile 32

Gasoline, general repairs, cafe, accommodations, store.

Mile 34

Gasoline.

Mile 53.5

Gasoline, accommodations.

Mile 59.5

Ahtell Creek public campground

Mile 62

Gasoline, general repairs, cafe and store are available here.

Mile 78

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations.

Mile 96.5

Gasoline, cafe, accommodations.

Mile 125, Tok, Alaska

Gasoline, general repairs, accommodations, stores, post office, telephone and telegraph. Junction, Alaska Highway. Terminus, Upper Glenn Highway.



HE FORTY-NINTH state, Alaska, embodies the vitality, ambition, potential and beauty associated with youth. The Alaska of today is far different from the fabled land of the last great gold rush. Its young population is building modern cities in undeveloped areas. Huge gold dredges have replaced sluice boxes. Bush pilots wing over vast reaches shadowing dog teams and Eskimos hunting in kayaks. In a fabulous living frontier, Alaskans combine the contrasts and benefits of wilderness and civilization, often in a setting of almost savage beauty described only by superlatives.

When Alaska was purchased from Russia in 1867, only the coastal areas had been explored by Europeans. The land was first visited by Russian ships in 1741 under the command of Vitus Bering and Alexei Chirikof. Subsequent Russian explorations established fur-trading posts on the islands and the southern and southeastern shores. The Spanish and the English followed with some naval exploration in the 18th century, the latter employing Capt. James Cook, who was commissioned to find a northwest passage to the Atlantic Ocean.

Even at the time of its purchase in 1867 for \$7,200,000 (less than two cents an acre), little was known of the potential resources or of the vastness of the land. In fact, the sale, negotiated by Secretary of State William H. Seward, was referred to as "Seward's Folly" or "Seward's Icebox." But, Alaska literally turned out to be a gold mine, yielding about a billion dollars in gold, not to mention a thriving fishing and lumber industry and still untapped mineral resources.

In 1880 the first of a series of gold discoveries occurred. It brought an influx of fortune seekers and created the city of Juneau. Skagway prospered in 1897 as a major port of entry and outfitting point for the prospectors who braved the dangerous trip across the coastal mountains into the Yukon's Klondike. Nome began to boom in 1898 when the sands of Anvil Creek yielded gold. By 1909 Fairbanks, the scene of a gold strike in 1902, was thriving.

For many years the Federal government took little interest in the development of Alaska, but the gold discoveries brought many adventurers to the area and created a need for additional laws. Congress provided civil and criminal laws and in 1903 passed a homestead act. By the Act of May 7, 1906, it empowered Alaska to elect a non-voting delegate to the House of Representatives.

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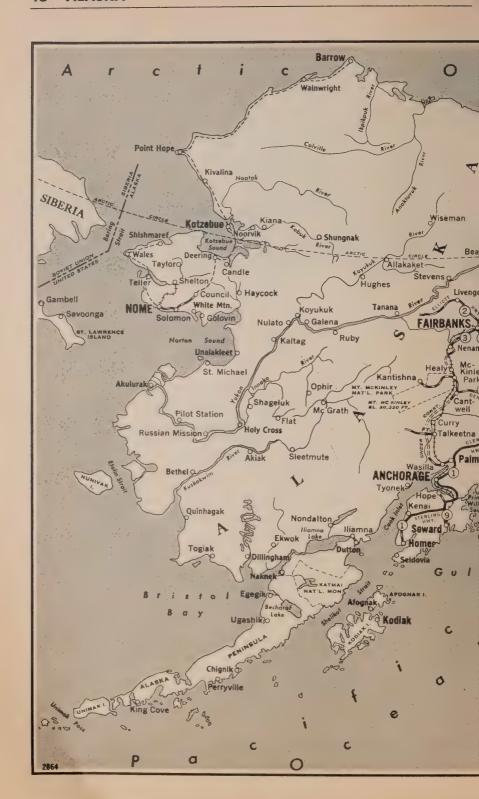
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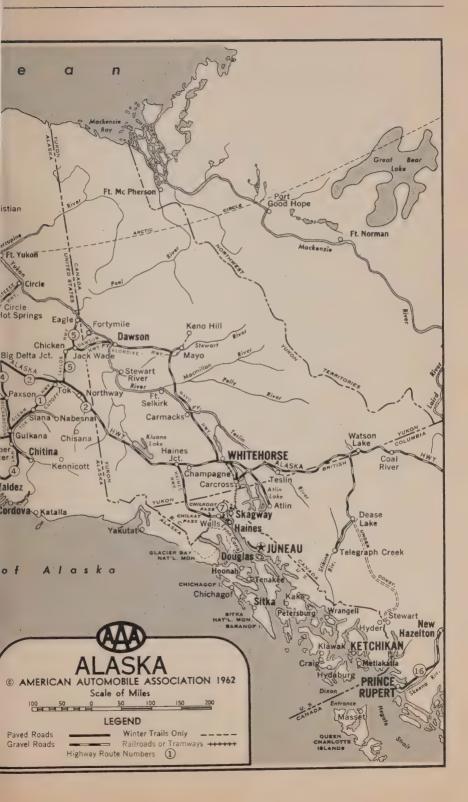
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Warmed by the Japanese Current, the adjacent waters contain salmon, cod, halibut, herring, clams, crabs and shrimp. The city of Anchorage and several ports are in this area.

The Panhandle or Southeastern Alaska is also known as the "Banana Belt," because of its great rainfall and moderate temperatures. Here precipitous mountains rise from the sea to heights above 9,000 feet, isolating this section from Canada on the east. In this area are several natural waterways called "canals," the shores of which are so straight that they almost appear man-made. Two national forests and the capital city of Juneau are in this island-studded section.

The Aleutian Island chain, extending toward the Orient, is a barren, rocky archipelago, inhabited principally by the Aleuts.

Three-fourths of the state is in the North Temperate Zone and only one-fourth is north of the Arctic Slope. Variations in temperature between different sections are extreme with the seasonal variation in the interior most pronounced. In southeastern Alaska there is no great variation between summer and winter temperatures, the yearly average being mild. The annual average of 150 inches of precipitation in the southeastern region around Ketchikan quickly drops to 15 inches or less north of the Alaska Range and steadily decreases to 5 inches on the Arctic Coast.

Travel is unrestricted in Alaska, with the exception of some of the most westward islands of the Aleutian group. Interior and coastal Alaska contain the state's entire highway system, however, all sections which are not connected by highway can be reached by water or by scheduled or chartered planes.

HUNTING and fishing, for different species, are available all year in Alaska. A registered guide must be hired by all nonresidents of Alaska who wish to either hunt or photograph brown, grizzly and polar bear. A guide must also be used when hunting mountain sheep, mountain goat and walrus. Other big game available in season include deer, moose, caribou, reindeer and elk. Waterfowl, grouse, ptarmigan and rabbit may also be taken. All nonresidents of the state of Alaska must secure a hunting license (\$10) before taking any game.

Sport fishing in the lakes and streams and offshore waters of Alaska is popular. Pike, grayling, trout, whitefish, char and salmon abound in these waters. A \$10 fishing license is required of all nonresidents.

Detailed information about seasons, bag limits and other hunting and fishing regulations may be obtained from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Subport Building, Juneau, Alaska. Information and regulations for fishing and hunting in the Yukon Territory may be obtained from the Game Department, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

In addition to hunting and fishing, visitors to the Nation's largest state will enjoy the spectacular scenery and historic points of interest reminiscent of the Russian occupation and the gold stampede. There are also opportunities for swimming, camping, hiking and mountain climbing.

Winter sports such as skiing, ice skating, dog sledding and ski-joring behind dog teams are becoming increasingly popular in Alaska. Ski enthusiasts will find fine slopes near Anchorage, Juneau, Fairbanks, Cordova and many of the smaller communities.

Alaska, the Land of the Midnight Sun, with its beautiful scenery and its excellent hunting and fishing, is America's last frontier.

Alaska Points of Interest

ANCHORAGE (pop. 44,237, alt. 114 ft.)

Today a modern skyline characterizes Alaska's largest city, which was established by the Alaska Railroad Bill of 1914 and flourished as a tent town operating base for the construction project. Since 1923, when the first train passed through on its route from Seward to Fairbanks, the growth of Anchorage has been aided by the Matanuska Valley Colonization Project which, in 1935, relocated 200 families from states of the Midwest in the Matanuska farmlands and later by the development of defense facilities during World War II. Sustained interest in polar military strategy provides a high percentage of military population.

Considered the railroad, highway, aerial and business center for western Alaska. the city serves as headquarters for the Alaska Military Command and is the location of offices of many Federal and state agencies. Greater Anchorage supports 5 radio and 2 television stations; 2 theaters; 2 newspapers; 3 hospitals, including the modern Alaska Native Service Hospital; a symphony orchestra, community chorus and little theater; a community college and multi-million dollar high school; and numerous churches and business enterprises. Anchorage Methodist University, a co-educational institution, opened in the fall of 1960. Elmendorf Air Force Base, joint headquarters of the Alaskan Command, and Fort Richardson are northeast of Anchorage.

Adding to the city's cosmopolitan atmosphere is the International Airport, a major link on the commercial route to Asia. Airline facilities are supplemented by Merrill Field, the municipal airport. In summer, the number of float planes on connecting Lakes Hood and Spenard are an estimated 10 percent of all such planes which are under U.S. registry.

Anchorage is on a high bluff overlooking Knik Arm, a branch of Cook Inlet which is famed for tides of 30 to 35 feet. To the northwest are peaks of the Alaska Range and to the northeast, those of the Chugach Mountains. Lake Spenard, southwest of Anchorage via

Spenard Road, is popular for swimming. Lake Hood is linked to it by the Hood Canal.

This is one of the most popular winter sports centers in the state with facilities in or near the city for skiing, ice skating, curling, ice hockey, dog sled racing and ski-joring which combines skiing and dog racing. The Arctic Valley ski center, about 10 miles from the center of Anchorage, has rope tows and warming huts.

Mt. Alyeska Ski Bowl. 32 miles south of Anchorage and 31/2 miles east of Girdwood, is one of Alaska's newest and most modern ski areas. It features a 5,800-foot double-chair lift which operates as a summer tourist attraction as well as during the long winter ski season. During the winter a Poma lift and rope tows also provide access to the ski trails. A ski school, day lodge with sun deck and snack bar and rental equipment are available. Lift fare for single trip, \$3; full day \$5.75, children \$4.25; half day \$4.50, children \$3.50.

Dog sled races, Eskimo pageantry and merchantile exhibits are features of the annual Anchorage Fur Rendevous, a weeklong festival the latter part of February. The Anchorage Festival of Music, an annual summer event, features the city's large community chorus, local symphony orchestra and guest artists.

Anchorage is the outfitting center for big-game hunting on the Kenai Peninsula and the Rainy Pass region. Most means of transportation are available to the rest of the state and several excursions are offered. On Sundays and holidays the Alaska Railroad runs special trains to fishing spots. Frequent tourist flights are made by Reeve Aleutian Airways to the famed Pribilof (fur seal) Islands during the summer. Northern Consolidated Airlines has flights to Katmai National Monument; Pacific Northern, to Homer and Kodiak. Alaska Airlines offers a Nome-Bering Sea tour and Cordova Airlines, an all-expense excursion to the ghost towns of McCarthy and Kennecott.

Alaska Highway Tours provides a oneday tour of the Matanuska Valley which

ANCHORAGE (Continued)

travels through the Chugach Mountains, passes the state's newest hydroelectric project and stops at the Eklutna Indian Village and at Palmer. Another one-day tour includes Elmendorf Air Force Base, facilities of the Alaska Railroad, views of Cook Inlet and Mt. McKinley. Destination of this tour is Portage Glacier. Marine Tours, Inc., offers a combined rail, boat and bus tour, featuring views of Columbia Glacier

Visitors may obtain information at the Chamber of Commerce log cabin on the City Hall lawn; open daily 9 to 5, Sat. to noon.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM, in the Loussac Library at 5th and F Sts., displays a small, interesting collection of Eskimo and Indian artifacts and clothes and tools of early settlers. Open Mon. through Sat. 10 to 9 all year; Sun. 2 to 6, Sept. through May.

ANCHORAGE LOG CABIN MUSEUM, in the Jonas Brothers store at 5th and G Sts., houses an interesting collection of big-game trophies, mounted animals, birds and fish and Alaska furs. The museum is open only during the regular store hours.

Anchorage-Westward Hotel, 3rd and E Sts. 350 rooms, 320 baths. Single \$10 to \$18, double \$13 to \$22. A well-managed hotel with very good facilities. Comfortable to luxurious rooms and suites; some rental TV. Dining room, coffee shop, cocktail lounge. No pets. Parking. Lower rates for rooms with running water. Phone BRoadway 5-5300.

Anchorage Inn, 9th and D Sts. 21 rooms, 21 baths. Single \$12, double \$16. Pleasant studio efficiencies, no utensils. Combination baths; some rental TV. Connecting units. Free continental breakfast. Phone BRoadway 7-2382.

North Star Motel, 15th & Gambell Sts. 24 rooms, 24 baths. Single \$8, double \$8 to \$11. Pleasant rooms in a good two-story motel with thermostat-controlled heat and tub baths. Cafe. No pets. Phone BRoadway 4-3452.

Traveler's Inn, 7th and Gambell Sts. (P.O. Box 1700.) 52 rooms, 52 baths. Single \$13 to \$25, double \$16 to \$25. A very nice, well-maintained motor hotel. Inviting rooms have telephones and combination baths; some rental TV. Connecting units; 6 efficiencies. Dining room, cocktail lounge; room service. Lower rates Nov. 1 to Apr. 1. Phone BRoadway 5-0201.

Westward Inn, 5th and Gambell Sts. 28 rooms, 28 baths. Single \$14, double \$18. Attractively decorated, nicely furnished rooms in a very good motor hotel with telephones and shower baths; some rental TV. Coffee shop; charcoal broiler; cocktail bar. No pets. Lower rates Sept. 15 to May 15. Phone BRoadway 6-9351.

Chart Room, 3rd and E Sts., in Anchorage-Westward Hotel. Air conditioned. Superb American and continental cuisine very nicely served in a distinctive, tastefully appointed hotel dining room. Dinners about \$3.95 to \$5.35. Open 7 to 11 a.m., 11:30 to 2 and 5:30 to midnight; Sunday 8 a.m. to 1 and 5 to 10 p.m. Cocktail lounge; bar. Phone BRoadway 5-5300.

BARROW (pop. 1,314)

Northernmost settlement in Alaska, Barrow is on the Arctic Ocean near Point Barrow, the most northern land of the North American continent. The huge Arctic ice pack is in evidence here even during the summer when the sun does not go below the horizon for 82 days.

Barrow is considered the largest Eskimo village and the natives follow their traditional ways, stalking polar bears on ocean ice, hunting whales from umiaks and shooting seals and walrus for food and hides. Eskimo handicrafts practiced here include the weaving of baleen baskets, ivory and bone carving, making mukluks and the fashioning of dolls and a native toy which is similar to a yo-yo.

When the first whale of the season is caught, usually in early July, an all-Eskimo feast and celebration is held.

Barrow, accessible by air from Fairbanks, is the site of the Arctic Research Laboratory. The research laboratory is housed in a quonset town that was constructed by the Navy during oil explorations that it conducted in the area between 1944 and 1953.

Nearby are an old village where artifacts are sometimes found and natural ice caves. The Post-Rogers Memorial, 12 miles down the coast, marks the site of the 1935 plane crash of the *Winnie Mae* which killed humorist Will Rogers and his pilot Wiley Post.

CIRCLE

Greatly reduced in size since mining days, Circle is an Indian village on the Yukon River, about 50 miles south of the Arctic Circle.

CIRCLE HOT SPRINGS

ARCTIC CIRCLE HOT SPRINGS, 8 miles off the Steese Highway (No. 6),

southeast of Central, is a resort development on the site of the hot springs discovered in 1893. The unusual gardens here, which are heated by water piped underground from the springs, have produced some of the best vegetables that are grown in Alaska.

rctic Circle Hot Springs Hotel, Mile 137, Steese Highway. 59 rooms, 12 with baths. Single \$7.50 to \$17.50, double \$8 to \$25. Good accommodations in a rustic resort. Hotel rooms and cabins; baths or running water. Dining room; cocktail lounge. American plan available. Special weekly rates. Hot mineral water indoor and outdoor pools; mineral baths. Gold panning; fishing nearby; ski tow. Trading post. Service station. Closed Oct. and Apr. Phone Fairbanks, GLobe 6-6555.

COOPER LANDING

Our Point of View Inn, 3½ miles east on Sterling Highway. (P.O. Moose Pass.) 14 units. Single \$5, double \$6.50 to \$9. A hospitable resort on attractive grounds overlooking Kenai Lake. Pleasant lodge rooms and 5 rustic cabins with wood stoves. Dining room open to the public; snack bar. Fishing; tackle shop; rental boats and motors. Heated garage for 3 cars; car plugs.

COPPER CENTER

Once the site of a tent town occupied by miners who had crossed the treacherous Valdez Glacier on their way to the Fairbanks gold fields, Copper Center is now an Indian log cabin village with a school and a well-stocked trading post.

Copper Center Lodge, center, 1 block east of Richardson Highway. 24 rooms, 9 baths. Single \$7, double \$12 to \$14. A pleasant, well-established lodge. Neat, colorful rooms have private or connecting baths; 5 rooms in summer annex, 2 baths. Dining room; bar. Pets allowed. Car plugs. Lower rates for annex rooms. Phone Glennallen, TAlbot 2-3245.

CORDOVA (pop. 1,128)

Carloads of copper ore worth over a million dollars a month passed through this town, which was the terminus of the Copper River and Northwestern Railroad from the famous Kennecott Mines, between 1911 and 1938. The difficulties encountered in construction of the 196-mile railline formed the background for the Rex Beach novel, The Iron Trail. The copper camps and railroad are now abandoned. The old roadbed is now being converted into the Copper River Highway, which is expected to be completed in 1965 and will link

Cordova with the Alaska Highway network. Short feeder roads to the river will provide views of Miles and Childs Glaciers, which dump tons of ice into the Copper River.

Reached by air from Juneau or Anchorage, Cordova, lying between Eyak Lake and Orca Bay, has a protected deep-water harbor on picturesque Prince William Sound. The city's economy is based on the fishing industry, one of the state's richest. Four salmon canneries, crab and clam canneries and a cold storage plant are located here.

Hunting for big game is good; fall migratory waterfowl hunting on the Copper River Flats is excellent and fishing for trout and salmon is available. Eyak Lake affords boating, fishing, water skiing and swimming. A fishing derby which is held during the summer and the Iceworm Festival held in February are annual events in Cordova.

DELTA JUNCTION—See Log of the Alaska Highway, page 28.

FAIRBANKS (pop. 13,311, alt. 432 ft.)

Huge dredges scoop tons of overburden for ounces of gold where once the sourdough panned, for modern Fairbanks is the leader of the state's gold-mining industry; placer mining and some gold lode mining are done. It is many other things: Alaska's second largest city; northern terminus of one highway, southern of another; aviation, transportation and military center; market for coal produced in the area and for agricultural products from the Tanana Valley.

Lying near the geographical center of Alaska, Fairbanks is northern terminus of the Alaska Railroad and of the Richardson Highway which connects with Valdez and the Glenn Highway (to Anchorage). It is the southern terminus of the Steese Highway, which runs to Circle on the Yukon River, and is the only road leading to the summits which affords an unobstructed view of the midnight sun.

A major commercial aviation center, the city has international service as well as airlines covering most of Alaska. Fort Wainwright, a large cold-weather test field, adjoins Fairbanks; Eielson Air Force Base is 26 miles southeast. During World War II, this area was an important link in the lend-lease airway to Russia.

The Tanana Valley farmlands produce over one-half million dollars worth of

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agricultural products annually, despite a short growing season. Principal crops are potatoes, cabbages (which sometimes weigh up to 50 pounds), broccoli and root vegetables. The Alaska State Fair is held in Fairbanks each year in mid-August.

The Fairbanks Golf and Country Club claims the northernmost golf course in the world. Fairbanks offers winter sports facilities for skating, ice hockey, curling and dog sled racing. About 21 miles from the city are Cleary Summit and Ester Dome offering skiing. Facilities at Cleary Summit include a ski lodge, a T-bar tow and 3 rope tows. Ester Dome's skiing facilities are being developed.

Annual events here include the Fairbanks Winter Carnival, a 4-day celebration in March which features the North American grand championship sled dog races, a baseball game played on snowshoes, a parade and folk and Eskimo dances. The Midnight Sun Baseball Game, beginning at 10 p.m. on June 21, is played without artificial lights. Golden Days, which are held the third weekend in July, commemorate the July 22 gold strike by Felix Pedro in 1902.

Mount McKinley National Park is reached by a 3½-hour railroad trip or by highway. Alaska Highway Tours provides an area trip through the farming and gold-dredging areas and to the Fairbanks Golf and Country Club and University of Alaska. The Tourist Information Booth, Chamber of Commerce Building, 550 First Ave., supplies information about the area.

★RIVERBOAT EXCURSIONS on the sternwheeler Discovery, docked off Airport Rd. 4 miles west, provide 4-hour trips on the Chena and Tanana Rivers. Passengers may see Indians at work during a stop at an Athabaskan fishing camp; a shipboard demonstration of tanning processes and furs; abandoned miners' and trappers' cabins; evidences of the tremendous cutting action of the Tanana ice pool; and operating "dog salmon" traps along the water's edge. Boat leaves daily, May 30 through Labor Day, at 1:30. Fare \$10, children under 12 half fare; family rates available.

SPECIAL TOURIST FLIGHTS above the Arctic Circle are available during summer months via Wien Alaska Airlines. The Arctic Coast tour includes an overnight stop at the Eskimo town of Kotzebue, meals, ground transportation, skin boat ride, Eskimo dances and a stop at Nome; fare \$130. A 3-day tour with overnight stops at Kotzebue and Nome, \$172.50.

All-expense tour to Point Barrow provides an opportunity to see Eskimo craftsmen and dances and to ride in an "umiak" (weather permitting) and a dog sled. Fare for 2-day tour is \$145; 3-day tour \$172.50. A one-day Yukon Valley tour is available for \$39. Inside Alaska Tours, Inc. offers tours, ranging from one-half to 10 days in length and from \$40 to \$485 in price, to out-of-the-way places such as Minto, Rampart and Fort Yukon. All fares quoted are plus tax.

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, northernmost university in the world, and its farm experiment station are at College, 5 miles from Fairbanks. The university's student union building was the scene of Alaska's constitutional convention in 1955 and has since been renamed Constitution Hall in honor of the occasion. The university museum, open daily 9 to 5, contains interesting exhibits of Indian and Eskimo arts and crafts, native animals and historical objects. The Edward Steichen photographic exhibition, "Family of Man," is permanently housed here. The School of Mines features displays of mining equipment and Alaskan ores. The Geophysical Institute here was one of the major centers for the International Geophysical Year. Visitors to Alaska who wish to attend classes at the university's 5-day sumworkshop on the anthropology, geology and history of Alaska, held in August, should contact the Registrar, University of Alaska, College, Alaska,

The University of Alaska has affiliated community colleges in Anchorage, Ketchikan, Juneau-Douglas and Palmer.

Cripple Creek Resort, at Milepost 11, Nenana Highway. 37 rooms. Single \$8, double \$10. A unique resort at the restored site of the Ester City gold-mining camp. Neat, comfortable rooms have connecting baths. Mess hall, open to the public, serves family-style meals; saloon; cocktail bar. Gold panning; movies nightly. Pets allowed. Open May 24 to Sept. 15. Telephone GL 6-5434.

Nordale Hotel, 517 2nd Ave. 120 rooms, 50 baths. Single \$10, double \$15 to \$18. Neat comfortable rooms in a good hotel. Elevator. No pets. Lower rates for rooms with running water. Phone GL 2-2105.

El Rancho Motel, 7 miles southeast on Richardson Highway. (P.O. Box 1879.) 18 rooms, 18 baths. Single \$8 to \$10, double \$10 to \$16. Inviting, newer units and small, neat older units in a nicely operated motel. Rental TV; 8 efficiencies. Pets allowed. Open May 15 to Sept. 1. Phone 488-2811.

raveler's Inn, 8th and Noble Sts. (P.O. Box 1130.) 70 rooms, 70 baths. Single \$14.50 to \$30, double \$19.50 to \$35. A very good motor hotel. Large, inviting rooms are tastefully furnished and have telephones, thermostat-controlled heat and combination baths; some rental TV. Connecting units; 12 efficiencies, no utensils. Coffee shop; cocktail lounge. No pets. Car plugs. Reservations advised at least 2 weeks in advance. Phone GLobe 6-7722.

ORT YUKON

Temperatures run to extremes in Fort Yukon: Alaska's highest official temperature, 100° F, and its lowest, -78° below zero, were recorded here.

Just north of the Arctic Circle at a point where the Yukon River is almost 3 miles wide, Fort Yukon is reached by air from Fairbanks. Established as a Hudson's Bay Company trading post in 1847, the village was a busy river port for the sternwheelers which carried food and other supplies from St. Michaels on the Bering Sea to the booming gold-rush town of Dawson, Y.T.

At Fort Yukon, an Athabascan Indian village, visitors can see fishwheels in operation and purchase Indian beadwork, native craft work and fine furs.

The post office is popular with visitors who like to mail letters home from north of the Arctic Circle. In the permafrost region where water is a luxury, a shower in summer or bath in winter costs \$1.

GAKONA (pop. 50)

Gakona Lodge, on Glenn Hwy. 9 rooms. Single \$5, double \$9. Central bath. Dining room; family style evening meals. General store; heated garage; gasoline. Airstrip. Phone Glennallen, TAlbot 8-3293.

GLACIER BAY NATIONAL MONUMENT

Blue-white glaciers flow from the lofty, snow-clad peaks of the St. Elias and Fairweather Ranges to fiord-like inlets in Glacier Bay National Monument, one of the most scenic spots in Alaska. This 2,274,595-acre area, second largest administered by the National Park Service, stretches from Cross Sound on the south to the Canadian boundary on the north. Unfortunately it is difficult and expensive to reach, accessible only by charter plane or boat. There are no tourist facilities available in the monument area.

Features of the monument are 20 tremendous glaciers and other lesser ones, Mt. Fairweather, rising to a height of 15,320 feet, and Glacier Bay. The bay, about 50 miles long and from 2½ to 10 miles wide, was filled with ice some 3,000 feet thick as recently as 250 years ago. Along the waterfront glaciers in every stage of development, from actively moving to nearly stagnant, are visible.

Famous Muir Glacier, one of the most active, has a sheer face rising 265 feet above the water and is nearly 2 miles wide. It descends into the bay at the unusually rapid rate of 20 to 30 feet per day. Most of the eight inlets of the bay terminate at similar ice cliffs. As the water undermines the cliffs of ice, large chunks break off, causing huge waves and often loosing drifting bergs.

This area is of great scientific importance as one of the finest exhibits of glacial action, climatic changes and the resulting movements and development of vegetation and wildlife as well as relics of ancient interglacial forests. Experts study the advance and retreat of the glaciers to determine long-range climatic changes. At present, the glaciers are gradually receding with several notable exceptions such as the Grand Pacific Glacier.

Wildlife abounds in the area: it is a haven for bears, rare fur-bearers, mountain goats, whales and porpoises, spawning salmon and many species of waterfowl.

Further information may be obtained from the Superintendent, Sitka and Glacier Bay National Monuments, Box 1781, Juneau, Alaska.

HAINES-PORT CHILKOOT

The twin towns of Haines and Port Chil-koot lie in a spectacular setting on Chilkat Peninsula near the northern end of Lynn Canal between Rainbow Glacier and the mountains. The port serves as the outlet for the Porcupine gold-mining district of Alaska and the Rainy Hollow copper area in British Columbia. Haines is also the southern terminus of the oil pipeline to Fairbanks built by Army Engineers at a cost of \$30,000,000.

A new ferry system from Prince Rupert, B.C., to Haines is scheduled to begin operation in late 1962. This will enable tourists to connect with the Alaska Highway via the Haines Highway.

The area is highly mineralized, with deposits of titanium and high-grade iron ore now under development. Fishing and lumbering are the chief economic factors. Agricultural products are vegetables and

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fine strawberries. A strawberry festival is held in July and features berry-eating contests, old-fashioned costumes and dances.

Interesting drives in the vicinity include Chilkoot Lake Road and Mud Bay Road. Chilkoot Lake Road passes a pump station and the beginning of the pipeline, the dock and an abandoned Indian village; it crosses the Chilkoot River Bridge where, in season, salmon may be seen swimming upstream, and ends at a campsite on Lake Chilkoot. Mud Bay Road passes an abandoned Indian village and Pyramid Harbor. Across the inlet, opposite Pyramid Island, a ghost town which was the base of the Old Dalton Trail may be seen. Salmon boats may be seen here, in season, and visitors may watch operations at the Haines Packing cannery. Further on, at Paradise Cove, Davidson and the hanging Rainbow glaciers may be seen. Birchdale Park offers picnicking and camping, small fee. The road crosses the peninsula to fishing spots along Mud Bay.

Sports fishing and hunting are excellent; campgrounds are available. Nearby are a Klukwan Indian village and the ghost town of Porcupine. Tours, including visits in Indian villages and with early settlers and through the early Dalton Trail country, accessible only with a guide, are available from here.

At the workshop of Alaska Youth, Inc., a non-profit organization housed in a building in Old Fort Seward, visitors are welcome during regular working hours. Here Indians use original Thlingit methods to create carvings, dance masks, spears and other items.

OLD FORT SEWARD, the Army's original Alaska post, was purchased recently and the owners are converting the old buildings into facilities for tourists.

CHILKAT DANCES, performed by young Thlingit Indians in elaborate costumes, are staged at the barracks building in Old Fort Seward at 7:30 p.m. from May to Oct. when tourist ships are in port. Admission \$1; ages 12 to 18, 50c; children under age 6 are admitted free.

BLUE STAR CRUISES provide interesting round-trip passenger transportation to Skagway. The boat accommodates 30 passengers and has overnight facilities for 10 persons. Cruises leave Port Chilkoot daily, May 30 through Labor Day, at 3 and lay over in Skagway whenever the Days of '98 shows are presented. Round-trip fare \$10 plus tax; children 6 to 12 half fare; under 6 free.

SHELDON MUSEUM contains a priva collection of Indian and gold rush curic and early correspondence and weapon. The museum may be visited on application at the information center-craft shop at the ferry dock.

Hotel Halsingland, Port Chilkoot, parac ground. (P.O. Box 158.) 60 rooms, 4 baths. Single \$7 to \$8, double \$12 to \$1 Pleasant, comfortable rooms in a nice maintained inn; private or connectin baths. Family-style dining room. Parkin Lower rates for rooms without bath. Lower er rates before May 1 and after Oct. Open Mar. 1 to Dec. 1. Phone 766-281

HOMER (pop. 1,247)

On Kachemak Bay, Homer is the termino of the Sterling Highway. Across the basis a panoramic view of mountains parted by glaciers. The town is in an area divoted to commercial fishing, gardenia and some beef and sheep raising. The grazing season is from 6 to 7 months lon Homer's deepwater, ice free port receivance of freighters and barges.

Homer Spit, a narrow sand bar, project into the mouth of the bay. From the air port here, planes are available for hunting and fishing expeditions and daily service connects. Homer with the rest of Alask In summer, small boat launching facities are available from the end of the spoperations of the plants located her which commercially process salmon at King Crab, may be viewed. A wild be cannery may also be visited.

Clam digging, sport fishing and berpicking are popular in the summer. In witter there are fine ski runs and ski tows. It fishing on several large lakes in the vicini attracts many fishermen.

Scenic bush flights by charter plat offer fine views of the bay, cattle countr open coal seams and the vast glaci formations of the extensive Harding Ion Field to the south. Charter boats cruit the bay where porpoises, whales and seat are often seen.

Land's End Resort, 6½ miles south at end or road on Homer Spit. 19 rooms, 2 private baths. Single \$3, double \$8. A rust fishing resort with a friendly atmosphered Varied accommodations in plain rooms for two persons and in dormitory rooms. For rooms accommodating up to four person \$12.50 to \$20. Coffee shop; cocktail lounged Fishing; tackle shop; rental boats and motors. No pets. Lower rates for rooms with out running water. Open May 30 to Labo Day. Reservations advised. Phone CEda 2-2456.

Proofse Room, 3 miles northwest on Sterling Hwy. A pleasant restaurant serving good food. Dinners about \$2.95 to \$6. Open 7 a.m. to midnight. Cocktail lounge. Small, modest motel rooms, \$10 to \$12 double. Phone 235-8780.

JNEAU (pop. 6,797)

Practically shoved into the Gastineau Channel by dominating, snow-capped mountains, Juneau, although short on space, is beautifully situated. The city, shadowed by Mt. Juneau and Mt. Roberts on the Inside Passage, is the capital city of Alaska and the seat of Federal agencies.

When Joe Juneau and Richard Harris discovered gold here in 1880, they started the first gold rush in American Alaska and, within a few months a colony of 100 miners had settled on the city's present site. Gold mining stopped here in 1944, although old mine installations dot the sheer mountain wall above the city and miles of shafts honeycomb the mountain. The Alaska-Juneau and Treadwell gold mines, adjacent to this modern city, produced more than 20,000 tons of ore daily when they were in operation. There is still low-grade gold here, but the price of gold and the cost of extracting it makes it impractical to mine.

In 1900, Juneau was made the official capital of the Territory of Alaska, although the government offices did not actually move from Sitka until 1906. Today state and Federal government still provides the mainstay of this busy Panhandle trading center's economy, although commercial fishing, principally for halibut and salmon, and lumbering are also major industries. The Alaska Sportsman, a nationally circulated magazine, is published in the city.

Directly opposite Juneau across the Gastineau Channel Bridge is Douglas, which shared prominence in gold rush days and is now a residential suburb.

North of Juneau are Auke Bay and Tee Harbor, famous for king and silver salmon fishing. Boats for fishing or sightseeing may be chartered through hotels or the harbor master of the small boat harbor at Douglas Bridge. Near the city hiking trails, varying in length and difficulty, lead to other fishing spots, as well as to scenic mountain areas, to old mines and to points near Mendenhall Glacier.

In winter skiing is available at the Douglas Ski Bowl across the bridge on Douglas Island. Here a sno-cat (\$2 round trip) takes skiers 3 miles from the road to the slopes. Two rope tows transport skiers to the upper levels. The U. S. Forest Serv-

ice maintains shelters in this area. Within Juneau is the Evergreen Ski Bowl; in summer tennis and swimming are available.

The major annual event in Juneau is the Golden North Salmon Derby, usually held in late July. Most businesses close during the three-day contest when visitors and residents angle for giant salmon. Juneau's July 4th celebration is highlighted by a midnight display of fireworks.

Steamship lines offer service between Juneau and Vancouver, B. C., in summer. Visitors may also reach the city by air from other cities within Alaska and outside. In the capital city buses, taxis, sightseeing tours and rental cars are readily available. During the summer persons driving the Alaska Highway can reach Juneau by taking the Haines Highway from Mile 1016 on the Alaska Highway, 160 miles south to the port of Haines. A ferry, operating from mid-May to November, carries cars and passengers between Haines and Juneau. For further information, write: State Division of Highways, Box 1361, Juneau, Alaska.

*ALASKA HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, in the Capitol at 4th and Seward Sts., houses the Neuman Eskimo exhibit; mineral, marine and wildlife displays; fine art; pioneer relics; and representative Alaskan Indian artifacts, outstanding of which are the Thlingit and Haida totems, tribal house screens carved by the Thlingits and examples of intricate Attu basketry made by the Aleuts. The library contains 13,000 volumes, files of all newspapers published in Alaska since its early days and the Wickersham collection of Alaskana, dating from 1724 to 1924. Open Mon. through Fri. 8:30 to noon and 1 to 5; additional hours when cruise ships are in port. Free.

MENDENHALL GLACIER, 13 miles from Juneau via Glacier Highway and Loop and Mendenhall Rds., is an impressive river of blue ice, 12 miles long and almost a mile wide. Of interest is the raw glacier moraine and remnants of a longburied forest now exposed by the receding ice. Steep trails on either side of the glacier afford views of the ice mass and its deep crevasses. The road reaches the east corner of the glacier. Ice skating is available in winter on Mendenhall Lake. The U.S. Forest Service maintains an observatory at the east corner of the glacier. Displays explaining the glacier are featured. Open daily; free.

Bus tours, lasting 2½ hours, circle points of interest in Juneau and at Auke

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Lake visit the log Chapel-by-the-Lake, the window-wall altar of which overlooks Mendenhall Glacier. May through Sept. tours leave Baranof Hotel at 8:30 and 3:15. Fare \$6.50, children under 12 half fare.

JUNEAU ICE CAP FLIGHTS, available by charter in clear weather, offer spectacular views of the ice field where seven glaciers meet in the mountain tops. Minimum of two persons accepted for half-hour flight; \$10 each.

Baranof Hotel, 2nd and Franklin Sts. (P.O. Box 2571.) 134 rooms, 134 baths. Single \$13.50 to \$35, double \$18 to \$50. Well-furnished rooms in a modern hotel; 34 apartments with kitchens rent by month. Coffee shop; dining lounge; bar. Entertainment and dancing. Phone JUneau 6-2660.

Taku Glacier Lodge, 22 miles northeast on Taku River by plane. (P.O. Box 2261.) 18 rooms, 8 with baths. American plan, \$20 per person. A restful fishing resort in a picturesque, isolated area. Pleasant, rustic log cabins and comfortable motel units. Dining room. Fishing, guides, rental boats and motors. Open May 20 to Sept. 10. Radiophone.

Tongass Lodge, on Excursion Inlet, 40 miles northwest by plane. 30 rooms. Central baths, 2 private baths. American plan, \$21 per person. A northwoods sportsman's resort. Dining room; cocktail lounge. Guided hunting and fishing trips; scenic boat tours. Swimming; tennis. Pets allowed. Open May 30 to Labor Day. Radiophone.

KATMAI NATIONAL MONUMENT

In 1912 one of the greatest volcanic explosions in recorded history turned a nameless green valley on the southern shore of the Alaska Peninsula into the "Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes." Dust rising from the vicinity of Novarupta Volcano formed a thin haze over much of the world that summer. Katman National Monument embraces 2,697,590 acres, the largest area administered by the National Park Service.

For more than 45 years the eruption was attributed to Mount Katmai; thus the name, Katmai National Monument. Recent studies by the United States Geological Survey indicate that the source of the 1912 eruption was actually Novarupta Volcano, some 6 miles from Mt. Katmai. During the eruption of Novarupta numerous fissures opened in the earth's crust permitting vast amounts of incandescent

volcanic material to flow onto the earth's surface.

Although the monument is an outstanding exhibit of volcanism, it also is noted for its superlative scenery and wildlife. One of the more interesting features is the mountain-encircled Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes. Less than a dozen large fumaroles remain active in the valley, but at times many lesser steam columns can be seen. As the area continues to cool, the number and activity of the smokes decreases. By air, it is possible to see the jade-green lake in the crater of Mount Katmai and to circle over Mount Trident, about 4 miles southwest of Mount Katmai, which produced lava flows in 1953, 1957, 1958 and 1960.

Waterfowl and fish are abundant here; the most prominent mammal is the Alaska brown bear. This animal, weighing from 1,000 to 1,800 pounds, is the largest carnivore in the world.

Camping is permitted upon receipt of a fire permit from the park ranger or the superintendent, Mount McKinley National Park. Limited food supplies are available at Brooks River Camp.

Northern Consolidated Airlines, Inc., operates two summer fishing camps within the monument, at Naknek Lake and Lake Grosvenor. Information and reservations are available from Northern Consolidated Airlines, Anchorage.

Commerical airlines service King Salmon, 35 miles from Brooks River Camp. Bush planes may be chartered.

A park ranger is on duty from about June 1 to September 15. He has head-quarters near the mouth of Brooks River on Naknek Lake. Address inquiries to the Superintendent, Mount McKinley National Park, Alaska.

KENAI

The oldest settlement on the Alaska mainland, Kenai was established by Russian fur traders in 1791 at the mouth of the Kenai River on Cook Inlet. Called Fort Saint Nicholas by the Russians, the town, until 1953, grew under a policy of "squatters rights." As a result, the small, somewhat weathered frame buildings are scattered along irregular dirt streets. Now connected by a 10-mile spur to the Sterling Highway, Kenai's supplies no longer need to arrive by dog sled in winter and barge in summer as they did until 1947.

The town is the closest settlement to the state's most promising oil development fields. Commercial fishing here extends from about late June to late August. During this period, visitors can see set-net fishing on the beach a few miles above town, visit the Kenai Packers cannery at Kenai, or take the mail boat across the river to the Libby cannery. During late June and early July, hundreds of drift fishing boats may be seen at the river mouth or in the inlet for the salmon season.

At the airport, north edge of Kenai, planes may be chartered for hunting or fishing trips. Car rentals are available.

The Russian Orthodox Church, built in 1894, is still used for services. Visitors may see the interior by contacting a member of the church board (ask a local resident); an offering for the church restoration will be appreciated.

Spur Motel, ½ mile north on main highway. (P.O. Box 308.) 18 units, 18 baths. Single \$8 to \$9, double \$10 to \$14. Best available accommodations. Well-kept rooms have shower baths. Phone 283-7557.

KETCHIKAN (pop. 6,483)

Stretching along protected waterways, Ketchikan's streets and buildings scale the mountainside. Dockside activity is intense during the salmon run and the city is colorful with the influx of fishermen and a fleet of 2,000 fishing vessels.

On Revillagigedo Island, separated from the Alaskan mainland by the one-mile Behm Canal, Ketchikan is an industrial city and claims to be the salmon center of the world. Commercial fishing for salmon, halibut, black cod and herring, operation of salmon canneries and a thriving pulp and lumber production industry form the basis of the city's economy, Alaska's first pulp mill, constructed at a cost of nearly \$60,000,000 and covering 53 acres, is at Ward Cove, 6 miles north. There are also many logging camps and a lumber mill in the city. There is a uranium mine on Prince of Wales Island to the west and there are prospects of iron and copper mines nearby.

Sports fishing is good in the vicinity for salmon and trout. Harbors provide protected moorage for over 1,000 small boats. Fishermen may rent boats and outboard motors for from \$8 to \$15 per day or charter cruisers for 4 to 8 passengers for \$75 to \$150 per day; contact Ketchikan Yacht Club, Hunting parties outfit here and charter planes are available.

Many totem poles (their stories are read from top to bottom) are in Saxman

Park about 2 miles from the city. At Totom Bight, 11 miles away, totem poles and a ceremonial house may be seen. From August to October at the falls of Ketchikan Creek, salmon may be seen climbing the fish ladder. Visitors are welcome at the fish hatchery, canneries and pulp mill.

KING SALMON DERBY is usually held from April through July. Weekly prizes are awarded for the largest entry. Derby Days, a separate 4-day contest, is usually in late May or early June and the prizes awarded exceed \$10,000.

Ingersoll Hotel, Front and Mission Sts. 59 rooms, 46 with baths. Single \$9 to \$10, double \$12 to \$14. Nicely furnished rooms in a well-operated hotel. Elevator. Coffee shop; cocktail lounge. No pets. Lower rates for rooms with half bath or running water. Phone CAnal 5-2124.

KODIAK (pop. 2,628)

Onion domes on its Orthodox Church are reminiscent of Kodiak as headquarters of the Russian Empire in the north Pacific. On St. Paul Harbor, the city was settled by Russian fur traders in 1763. The oldest settlement in Alaska, many of its population are descendants of Russian trappers, Scandinavian navigators and Aleuts.

World-famous among hunters, Kodiak Island is the habitat of the huge Kodiak or Alaska brown bear, largest of the world's carnivores. Excellent outfitters and guides conduct hunting parties inland. Information on the current hunting regulations may be obtained from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Subport Building, Juneau, Alaska.

The U. S. Naval Operating Base, headquarters of the Alaskan Sea Frontier and the 17th Naval District, is here. Salmon and King Crab fishing and canning are the main industries, although there are a few small cattle ranches on the island. In good weather cruiser trips to the Cape Chiniak sea lion rookeries are available. Kodiak is reached by air from Anchorage or Seattle.

The eastern portion of Kodiak Island is heavily forested; to the west the land is barren and open. Roads are virtually nonexistent and travel is by boat or amphibian plane. Small cannery villages are found along the inlets and coves.

The King Crab Festival is held the first weekend in May. A prize is awarded for the largest crab caught and activities include crab shaking contests and scuba diving for King crab.

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Kodiak Hotel, (P.O. Box 1397.) 30 rooms, 15 with baths. Single \$5 to \$7, double \$6 to \$10. Four central baths. Phone 456-5144.

KOTZEBUE (pop. 1,290)

Opinions of non-Eskimos vary on the relative merits of muktuk. Whether or not the skin and blubber of the beluga whale tastes more like fermented chestnuts than it does coconut meat may easily be tested at Kotzebue. Other delicacies found here are Arctic shee fish, reindeer stew and the state's famous sourdough hotcakes.

Fifty miles north of the Arctic Circle on the edge of Kotzebue Sound, an arm of the Chukchi Sea, the settlement sees the sun rise each June 3 and remain above the horizon for 36 days. June 21 is the mid-summer celebration, an Eskimo festival featuring blanket tossing, feasting and dancing.

During a two-week period between mid-May and mid-June, there is a spectacular ice break-up. In the wake of this there is good fishing for Arctic shee. This is also the period when the beluga whale is caught. The Eskimos utilize the entire animal which is from 15 to 17 feet long and averages about 100 pounds a foot in weight.

The settlement, which is reached by air from Fairbanks, is headquarters during March and April for polar bear and wolf hunters.

On a treeless tundra, Kotzebue is the second largest Eskimo village in Alaska and has a summer population of about 1,000. Each summer, natives from Diomede Island come here and produce fine carved ivory. Articles of carved jade and furs are also available.

Kayak demonstrations, native dances and oomiak and dog sled rides provide summer activity for the visitor. Kayak races, blanket tossing, dance contests to the beat of sealskin hoop drums and the awarding of prizes for the beluga whale derby are a part of July 4 festivities here.

Arrangements may be made for bush flights which pass over reindeer and caribou herds, sand dunes and a jade mountain. Planes may also be chartered for trips to the Kobuk River, where there is fine fishing. Catches in the area include Arctic pike, grayling and trout.

MOUNT MCKINLEY NATIONAL PARK

Primitive, wild and breathtakingly beautiful is this area of 3,030 square miles in south central Alaska which comprises Mount McKinley National Park. The mag-

nificent mountain country holds spectacular views—quiet lakes, snow-capped peaks and vari-colored tundra—for those who make this most remote of the national parks their destination.

Besides Mount McKinley, highest peak in North America, there are Mounts Foraker (17,400 ft.), Silverthrone (13,220 ft.) and Russell (11,670 ft.) in the park.

Glaciers in the park are also of interest. Herron Glacier on Mount Foraker, Peters Glacier which encircles the northwest end of Mount McKinley and Muldrow Glacier are northern flowing. Muldrow, largest park glacier, stretches from between Mount McKinley's twin peaks to within a few miles of the park road; it may be seen from the Eielson Visitor Center. These are not products of the Ice Age, but are created on the slopes of the Alaska Range which are exposed to the humid winds from the Pacific Ocean.

Among the more than 120 species of birds and 35 or more kinds of mammals who make their homes here are the willow ptarmigan, white sheep and the caribou, which are not found in any other national park. Eggs of the surf bird and the wandering tattler have been found here and nowhere else in the world. The Alaska moose and grizzly bear are also interesting inhabitants.

The chief evergreen growing in the park is white spruce, with some cottonwood, quaking aspen, white birch and willow also seen. Dwarf birch, dull green in summer but flaming scarlet and orange with the coming of fall grows in thickets along the lower mountain slopes. Low, boggy meadows are the habitat of the stunted, twisted black spruce. The deep-blue forget-me-not (the State flower), blue larkspur, blue and pink chiming bell, white and pink pyrolas, yellow arctic poppy and white dryas are native to the park.

Above the river valleys, forests of white spruce give way to vast stretches of wet tundra supporting shrubby plants and sometimes underlain with permafrost. At the higher elevations a dry, matlike alpine tundra covers the well-drained ridges and valleys.

Mount McKinley—Reaching 20,320 feet above sea level, Mount McKinley was known to the early Tanana Indians as Denali, "the high one." The mountain has two peaks, South Peak, the true summit, and 2 miles away, the North Peak which has an elevation of 19,470 feet. The upper two-thirds of the mountain is enveloped in snow throughout the year.

Mount McKinley rises nearly 17.000 feet above the surrounding country and above 6,000 feet it is covered by snow and ice.

Alaskan sourdoughs pioneered the Muldrow Glacier Route in 1910, making the first successful ascent of the North Peak. In 1913, the summit of the South Peak was attained. The mountain remains a goal of expert climbers.

Excellent views of Mount McKinley are obtainable along the park road. The glass-enclosed exhibit room of the Elelson Visitor Center offers a fine vantage point for seeing Mount McKinley and Muldrow Glacier. Weather conditions are quite variable and sometimes Mount McKinley and other peaks in the Alaska Range are obscured by clouds for several consecutive days. The mountain is not visible from the park hotel.

General Information—There are 93 miles of gravel surfaced roads in and accessible from the park and 20 miles of trails for hiking. The Denali Highway, a 156-mile gravel road opened in August 1957, connects the park road with the Richardson Highway, making the park accessible for private automobiles. Visitors can transport their automobiles to the park by train from Seward, Anchorage or Fairbanks. Planes may be chartered from Anchorage et Fairbanks to the park Gasoline and some supplies can be purchased at the park hotel service station-store.

Daily bus tours to Eielson Visitor Center, 65 miles west overlooking Muldrow Glacier, are available. The 8-hour trip to Eielson is sponsored by the Mount McKinley National Park Co.; fare \$15 plus tax, including lunch. A 12-hour tour to Wonder Lake, 25 miles beyond Eielson, is available for \$20 plus tax, including lunch. Limousines with drivers are available for \$12.50 per hour plus tax.

Naturalist talks are presented at the Eielson Visitor Center during the day and at the hotel in the evening. In the Park Headquarters area conducted trips and illustrated information programs are scheduled daily. Information on activities is available from Park Headquarters, ranger stations, the Entrance Station and Eielson Visitor Center.

Visitors should not feed, disturb or molest wildlife; all firearms must be sealed at the park entrance station before proceeding into the park. Only those streams free of glacial silt are good for fishing. The chief catch in these streams is Arctic grayling. Mackinaw trout can be caught in Wonder Lake. No license is required within the park: daily limit is 10 fish or 10 pounds and one fish, except only 2 Mackinaw may be taken.

The official park season is June 1 to September 15. Temperatures throughout these months may vary from 30 to 80 degrees, with the mean 24-hour temperatures for June. July and August being 52, 54 and 50 degrees. Daylight generally lasts more than 18 hours in summer. In mid-September, snows may block the low passes of the park road.

PETS are permitted in the park only if they are on leash, crated or otherwise physically restricted at all times. Does may be excluded entirely from areas specified by the park superintendent.

ADDRESS inquiries to Superintendent, Mount McKinley National Park, McKinley Park, Alaska.

Accommodations—Within the park limits is the McKinley Park Hotel, owned by the Government and leased as a private concession. The hotel serves as an informal headquarters for most tourist activities in the park. Rangers present various talks, slide shows and movies at or near the hotel. Also close by are the post office, rail-toad station and the only passage, oil and groceries in the park.

Campgrounds near Savage River and Wonder Lake are equipped with tables, fireplaces, running water and sanitary facilities. Five additional campgrounds with more immed facilities are convenient, spaced along the park road. The motorist should have all the supplies he will need and a tent and camping equipment. A camp stove should be included, as firewood is scarce. Persons expecting to camp away from the road or outside established campgrounds must stop at park headquarters for a fire petmit.

CAMP DENALI, 2 miles north of Wonder Lake in the center of the northland wild-erness, is about 90 miles from park head-quarters. The rustic camp, preserving an atmosphere typical of the north, is primarily for vacationists. Tent-cabins, a lodge, dining rooms and cabins for American plan guests are available. Special all-expense vacations are offered. For information write Camp Denali, McKinley Park, Alaska. (Between Sept. 15 and June 1, address P.O. Box 526, College, Alaska.)

Mount McKinley Park Hotel, on Park Highway, 7 miles inside entrance gate. 81 rooms, 54 with baths. Single 511, double \$17.

MOUNT MCKINLEY NATIONAL

PARK (Continued)

Comfortable, well-kept rooms in a nicely maintained hotel. Dining room open 7:30 to 10 a.m., 11:30 to 2:30 and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; room service during meal hours. Cocktail lounge. Recreation room; dancing. Tennis; fishing. Gas station; store. Landing strip; fuel. No pets. Lower rates for rooms with running water. Open late May to mid-Sept. Reservations advised; off-season address, Mt. McKinley National Park Co., 312 Valley National Bldg., Tucson. Ariz. Checkout 11:30 a.m. Phone Healy, 220.

NAPTOWNE

Brown's Motel, center, on Sterling Highway. (P.O. Box 5, Sterling.) 4 rooms, 4 baths. Single \$5, double \$10. Attractive modern units have shower baths. Four efficiencies. Pets allowed. Trailer facilities. Checkout 10 a.m.

NENANA (pop. 286)

Speculation over one minute of each year focuses the attention of all Alaska on this small transshipping point on the Tanana River. Thousands of Alaskans try guessing the exact day, hour and minute of the ice breakup on the river in the famous and traditional Nenana Ice Pool sweepstakes each spring. In the past several years the ice has moved as early as April 20 and as late as May 16. The stakes often amount to \$150,000. A gravel road now extends from Fairbanks to a point just across the river from Nenana. As yet, the river can only be crossed during the winter. Another road leads to Clear, a missile detection site.

Freight is transferred at Nenana from rail carriers to the steamers which serve the Yukon River system.

NINILCHIK

A relic of early Russian colonization, this fishing village on the shores of Cook Inlet was probably settled in the 1820's. The original Russian Orthodox Church is still in use. In season, there is excellent salmon fishing in nearby streams and clam digging is a popular pastime. A new small boat harbor is available. Guides are available for moose and bear hunting.

NOME (pop. 2,316)

Gold on the beaches and benches at Nome lured thousands in 1898; the gold rush camp boasted a population of 20,000. To-day's visitor may still pan for gold here and, if successful, find himself the possessor of gold dust. Placer mining is still

carried on and one of the world's largest gold dredges is nearby.

The area's history inspired the Rex Beach novel, *The Spoilers*, and a triweekly reminder of boom days is the newspaper, *Nome Nugget*, which was established in 1899.

Native arts and crafts are an important industry in Nome, the judicial and commercial center for northwestern Alaska. Natives from King Island, famed for ivory carving, gather in Nome during summer to fish, sell their handiwork and barter for winter supplies. Other products of Eskimo craftsmen in the city include footwear, dolls, drums and boat models,

On the Seward Peninsula, Nome is the main supply center for the adjacent mining districts and native villages. Steamers carrying freight use the harbor from about June to October. The city is accessible by plane from Anchorage or Fairbanks.

Bush aircraft serve the entire area and charter planes are available for trips to various islands. Other interesting excursions include a bus trip to the gold fields and early day mining camps.

In April, Nome's dog team sweepstakes draw entries from a wide area. June 20 to 22 is the Midnight Sun Festival and July 4 is the date of an Eskimo celebration.

Good fishing is found in several areas close to the city and hunting trips may be arranged; guides and equipment available. Polar bear, oogruk (hair seal), walrus and seal are taken in the vicinity.

North Star Hotel, Front St. (P.O. Box 101.) 13 rooms, 13 baths. Per person, \$8.50. A modern hotel with attractive rooms. Very good dining room; bar. Lower rates Oct. 1 to May 1. All rooms are double and guests are requested to share rooms in main season. Phone 443-2355.

PALMER (pop. 1,181)

Peaks of the Chugach and Talkeetna Mountains rise above lush pastures and truck farms in the fertile Matanuska Valley-an area where cabbages weighing up to 50 pounds are raised. Dairy products, vegetables, grain, berries, eggs and chickens are the products of the area. Only 600 acres were cleared in 1935 when the federal government sponsored a rural cooperative community of 202 families from the northern midwestern states; some 13,000 acres are now in pasture and crops. Population estimates indicate a population of more than 5,000 permanent settlers, about a fifth of which are in Palmer, valley headquarters. The Matanuska Valley was completely electrified by one of the first Rural Electrification Administration, co-ons in the state.

Farmers and rural organizations exhibit their prize livestock and equipment during a 4-day fair, held Labor Day weekend. Another event Colony Days, is in lane May. To the east and north of Palmer are assectionable from

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rection Bay, it is virtually surrounded by high rugged mountains and icefields. From here the railroad to the interior was started; completed in 1923, Seward is the ocean terminal for the Alaska Railroad. Several ships a week dock here in the summer.

Three shrimp canneries in Seward welcome visitors when the plants are operating.

Charter boats, carrying 10 to 12 passengers for fishing or sightseeing, are available for about \$100 a day. Whales, porpoises and seals are often seen in the bay. From the airport, guides are available for fishing and hunting trips.

New Seward Hotel, 217 5th Ave. 40 rooms, 12 with baths. Single \$8, double \$14. Comfortable, well-kept rooms. Lower rates for rooms with connecting baths or running water. No pets. Phone CAstle 4-5517.

Murphy Motel, 34 miles north, 1 block east of Anchorage-Seward Highway. 6 rooms, 6 baths. Single \$7, double \$9 to \$12. Pleasant, nicely kept rooms have combination baths. Pets accepted. Phone CAstle 4-5650.

New Seward Motel, 1½ miles north on Anchorage-Seward Highway. (P.O. Box 246.) 11 rooms, 11 baths. Single \$8, double \$12 to \$14. Attractive rooms have thermostat-controlled heat and combination baths. No pets. Phone CAstle 4-5518.

SITKA (pop. 3,237)

On October 18, 1867, a small group watched the "last frontier" open when, with an exchange of flags, Sitka, capital of Russian America, became the first capital of the District of Alaska.

The city was founded in 1799 when Alexander Baranof established a fur-trading outpost here and later secured the site in bloody conflict with the Sitka Indians. The town, called New Archangel by the Russians, developed into a trading center and was the site of foundries where, it is said, bells were cast for California missions. Early in the Russian occupation the use of the Indian name, Sitka, came into use and, by 1867, was used in preference to the Russian name. It was the capital until 1906.

Surrounded by high peaks and small wooded islands, Sitka is a fishing port and a lumber and pulp center on the west coast of Baranof Island. A large pulp mill is in operation near Sitka. The city is accessible by plane.

Across Sitka Sound, Mt. Edgecumbe, an extinct, snow-capped volcano, dominates

the harbor. The peak has been compared to Japan's Mount Fujiyama. On Japonski Island, the Alaska Native Service operates an educational and medical center.

An Alaska Day Festival is held each year on October 18 and features a kangaroo court, costume parade and historical pageant. The origin of the term "hooch" is attributed to the town's early days when the Indians distilled from molasses an explosive mixture which was known as hoochingo.

ALASKA PIONEERS' HOME occupies the site of the Russian and American parade grounds. It provides a home for early settlers and has landscaped grounds on which is a statue of a prospector.

BARANOF'S CASTLE, a barren rise of ground overlooking the harbor, is accessible by stairs from opposite the Alaska's Pioneers' Home. This was the site of Baranof's dwelling and of the lowering of the Russian flag and raising of the American flag in 1867.

CATHEDRAL OF ST. MICHAEL, an 1848 Russian church, is used for regular services. The custodian will open the church to show visitors the beautiful and valuable icons, art treasures and historic religious objects. The ancient wooden church, with its spire and onion-shaped domes, is in the form of a cross.

SHELDON JACKSON JUNIOR COL-LEGE AND MUSEUM is the oldest school in Alaska, founded in 1895. The museum houses an interesting display of Eskimo and Indian artifacts and mementoes of Russian occupation. Exhibits include tools and utensils in wood, bone and ivory, skins, sleds, kayaks and ceremonial masks. Visitors admitted upon application at the college; admission 25c.

OLD RUSSIAN CEMETERY, located at the edge of town, contains tombstones dating from 1799. Descendants of some of the families whose names appear on the tombstones still live in Sitka.

Sitka Hotel, 10 Lincoln St. 68 rooms, 39 with baths. Single \$9 to \$10, double \$12 to \$14. Comfortable rooms in a well-maintained hotel. Coffee shop. Pets allowed. Lower rates for rooms with running water. Reservations advised. Phone 7-3288.

SITKA NATIONAL MONUMENT

Eighteen totem poles of the finest native craftmanship people a dense forest of Sitka spruce and western hemlock in this 54-acre monument. On the west shore of Baranof Island in southeastern Alaska, Sitka National Monument also contains a recently excavated portion of the original Sitka Fort, the site of the last stand of the Sitka tribe against the Russian intruders.

"Fog Women," most famous of the totems, stands on the site of the Sitka fort. This Haida totem is 59 feet high and has more carved figures than any other Alaska totem pole. The totem poles in the monument are not those of the Sitkas, who painted their family totems over the doors of their houses, but, with the exception of one from a Tsimshian Village, are from the old villages of the Haida Indians. The totems were created to record family and tribal history and were not used as objects of worship by the Indians. The monument is reached by road from Sitka. Address inquiries to the Superintendent, Sitka and Glacier Bay National Monuments, Box 1781, Juneau, Alaska.

SKAGWAY (pop. 659)

This ice-free port at the head of the Lynn Canal on the Inland Passage witnessed hordes of prospectors disembark in 1898 to begin their quests for gold in the Klondike. The prospectors proceeded west to Dyea, now a ghost town, where they began their arduous hike across the dangerous Chilcoot Pass. Eventually the narrow gauge White Pass & Yukon Railroad was built between Skagway and Whitehorse. The railroad still operates in this scenic area, providing a beautiful trip (see Whitehorse, page 24) for passengers and transporting freight into the Yukon and bring ore products back to the ships waiting in Skagway.

The town still retains many of the outward appearances of the lusty gold rush days when the notorious outlaw, "Soapy" Smith, and Frank Reid, who represented Skagway's outraged citizenry, shot it out in a battle that cost both men their lives. Today minerals are shipped out of the Yukon interior and foodstuffs enter via the same water and rail routes which were used in the gold rush days.

A stop on many of the summer cruises of the Inland Passage, Skagway is the northern terminus of the Alaska State Ferry System which is scheduled to begin operations in September 1962. The ferry will connect Skagway with Haines, Juneau and Prince Rupert, B.C. A railroad connects Skagway with the Alaska Highway via Carcross, Y. T.

Sightseeing tours include the ghost town of Dyea, "Soapy" Smith's grave, Reid's Falls, flower gardens and Skyline Trail, leading from Dyea to Sheep Camp at the foot of Chilkoot Pass.

Fishing tackle and boat rental service is available for visitors who wish to fish for salmon, halibut and Dolly Varden trout, all of which are found in the waters near Skagway.

Events of interest include the Salmon Derby, lasting from June to Labor Day; boat races on the Lynn Canal between Skagway and Haines on July 4th weekend; and Sourdough Days, a 3-day celebration Labor Day weekend honoring Skagway's Canadian neighbors.

★DAYS OF '98 SHOW, presented at the Eagle's Hall, includes public dancing, gambling with bogus money furnished at the door and a kangaroo court. Stage shows feature a cancan line, songs popular during the Klondike gold rush and a pantomime of Robert W. Service's poem, "The Shooting of Dan McGrew." Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. whenever cruise ships are in port, about 4 nights a week from early May to mid-Sept. Admission \$1.

TRAIL OF '98 MUSEUM, between 7th and 8th Ave. on Spring St., features exhibits pertaining to Alaskan history and native cultures. A Thlinget war canoe, photographs, documents of early days in Skagway, gold rush relics and native artifacts are shown. Open in summer, daily 3 to 5 and 7 to 9; admission 50c.



Alaska Div. of Tourism Skilled Alaskan hands fashion an Eskimo skin drum.

SKAGWAY (Continued)

Golden North Hotel, 3rd and Broadway. 40 rooms, 23 with baths. Single \$8, double \$14. A colorful, historic hotel. Comfortable rooms, most with gold rush period furnishings. Dining room. Lower rates for rooms without bath. Open May 1 to Sept. 31. Checkout 11 a.m. Phone YUkon 3-2214.

Sourdough Inn, 3rd and Broadway. 26 rooms, 8 with baths. Single \$7, double \$14. Modern, studio-type rooms in a good hotel; private or connecting baths. Coffee shop. Phone YUkon 3-2211.

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VALDEZ (pop. 555)

Called the "Switzerland of Alaska," Valdez is ringed by snow-capped mountains. The state's northernmost ice-free port, it lies on Valdez Arm, a deep fiord on the rugged coast of Prince William Sound.

Coast terminus of the Richardson Highway, Valdez is a trucking, fishing and mining center and a distribution point for adjacent mining and fur-farming areas.

Valdez came into being in 1898 as an outfitting point for miners taking the hazardous pack trail over Valdez Glacier to the gold fields. One-half mile east of the main street a gravel road extends 8 miles from Mineral Creek to Valdez Glacier. The site of the original settlement is marked along this road and gold panning in nearby creeks may still yield a nugget.

The new Valdez landing strip lies just off the road and offers daily scheduled service. A small boat harbor and launching area lies between the city dock and cannery dock; rental boats are available.

Thompson Pass, 26 miles from Valdez, offers a fine view of the surrounding area. Keystone Canyon, where scenic Bridal Veil and Horsetail Falls drop from the canyon rim, and Worthington Glacier are accessible from town.

★COLUMBIA GLACIER EXCURSIONS on the yacht Gypsy leave from the city small boat dock. The boat travels down the Valdez Arm, a fiord rimmed by snow-capped mountains, and enters Prince Willam Sound, dotted with islands and icebergs, enroute to Columbia Glacier. The glacier, 2 miles wide at the water's edge, rises 450 feet above the surface of the sound. Blasts from the boat's horn cause large chunks of the glacier to fall, creating new icebergs. The 7-hour trip departs daily,

late May to early Sept., at 8 a.m. Fare, including lunch, \$20 plus tax; children under 12 half fare.

SILVER SALMON DERBY, a month-long event ending on Labor Day, awards prizes to \$2,000 for the heaviest salmon caught, weekly prizes for men's and women's classes and a monthly \$1,000 grand prize. Entry fee is \$5 a week, \$15 a month.

Hotel Valdez, 419 McKinley St. (P.O. Box 205.) 35 rooms, 13 with baths. Single \$8, double \$12. Modest to pleasant rooms in a colorful hotel; 2 two-room units. Lower rates for rooms without bath. Phone TErminal 5-2801.

Port Valdez Motel, 202 McKinley St. (P.O. Box 443.) 9 rooms, 9 baths. Single \$12, double \$12. Cheerful, very pleasant rooms in a nice motel with thermostat-controlled heat and shower baths. Open Apr. 1 to Nov. 1. Phone Terminal 5-2661.

WRANGELL (pop. 1,315)

Grotesquely carved totem poles are an interesting feature of Wrangell, an outfitting center, past and present. Founded in 1834, it served the gold rushes of 1883 and 1898. Today's big game hunters and sport fishermen equip here.

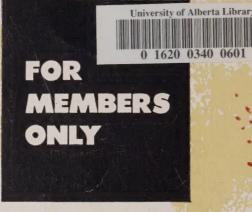
A center of mining, timber and fishing industries, Wrangell is in southeastern Alaska near the rich Canadian Cassiar area.

SHAKES' ISLAND, in Wrangell Harbor, has Totem poles, some 300 years old, and many ancient carvings in the tribal house of the Bear. The house is opened for each tourist boat and an Indian carver explains the legends and carvings of the Totem poles.

STIKINE RIVER TRIPS take visitors 163 miles through a rugged wilderness of mountains, canyons and glaciers to Telegraph Creek, a British Columbia frontier outpost and mining camp. From Telegraph Creek visitors can take automobile trips across the Tahltan lava beds, to the mineral and game-rich Cassiar district and to Dease Lake. Operating from mid-May to mid-Sept., the 4-day round trip leaves Wrangell on Mon. Fare \$90 plus tax; children 5 to 12 half fare; under 5 quarter fare. One way trips and car transportation also available. For additional information and reservations write the Ritchie Transportation Co., Wrangell, Alaska.

Thunderbird Hotel, Front St. 15 rooms, 15 baths. Single \$8, double \$12. Attractive, very pleasant rooms in a well-operated hotel. Pets allowed. Phone 222.

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